

Town of SHARON



Annual Report 2002

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

	<u>Emergencies</u>	<u>Regular Business</u>
AMBULANCE	784-2121	784-1522
POLICE DEPT.	784-3535	784-1587
FIRE DEPT.	784-2121	784-1522
CIVIL DEFENSE	784-5631	784-6993
HIGHWAY, WATER		
Weekdays	784-1525	
Nights, Weekends,		
Holidays	784-1587	

FOR INFORMATION ON:

Aging, Programs For	Community Center	784-8000
Assessments	Assessors	784-1507
Birth Certificates	Town Clerk	784-1505
Building Permits	Building Inspector	784-1529
Conservation	Conservation Commission	784-1511
Death Certificates	Town Clerk	784-1505
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk	784-1505
Elections	Town Clerk	784-1505
Engineering	Engineer	784-1525
Game Warden	Mass. Fish & Game	617-727-3151
Refuse Collection	DPW	784-1525
Housing, Elderly	Hixson Farm Complex	784-2733
Marriage Certificates	Town Clerk	784-1505
Medicaid	State Welfare	1 800 249-2007
Mortgages, Chattel	Town Clerk	784-1505
Mosquito Control	Norfolk County Control	762-3681
Recreation	Community Center	784-1530
Schools	Superintendent's Office	784-1570
Self-Help	Brockton Office	508-588-5440
Snow Removal	DPW	784-1525
Streets	DPW	784-1525
Tax Assessments	Assessors	784-1507
Taxes, Collection	Tax Collector	784-1500
Tobacco Control	NMS Tobacco Control	508-261-7316
Trees	DPW	784-1525
Voting & Registration	Town Clerk	784-1505
Water	DPW	784-1525
Welfare	State Welfare	1 800 249-2007
Wiring	Wiring Inspector	784-1525
Zoning	Building Inspector	784-1529

CITIZENS INFORMATION SERVICE

1-800-392-6090

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To the Citizens
Of the
TOWN OF SHARON



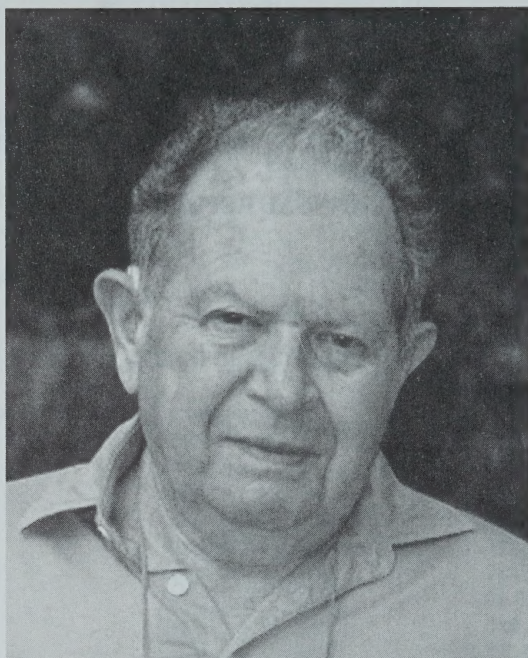
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Cover: The Bridge to Sharon
Dedicated in Memory of Daniel J. Dabreu L/CPL, U.S.M.C.

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IN MEMORIAM

BERNARD M. ROSENBERG

1920 - 2002

Sharon Civil Defense 1973 - 2002
Director of Civil Defense 1977 - 2002
Communications Officer - Sharon Police Department

Mr. Rosenberg was instrumental in establishing
the Town's E-911 Emergency Telephone System
and
Served on the Committee that crafted the Town's first Zoning
Bylaw

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SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION

February 5, 2002

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of December 18, 2001, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in elections, met in the Sharon High School Gymnasium at 7:00 A.M., Tuesday, February 5, 2002. The warden for the election was Lynne M. Callanan. The wardens for Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were named as follows: Edna Walden, Barbara Testa, Marilyn Lamb, Shirley Schofield and Pat Zlotin. The meeting was called to order by Marlene B. Chused, Town Clerk, who read the call and return of the warrant. Clerks and workers were: Ruth Grandberg, Doris Grahm, Eleanor Herburger, Lorraine Forman, Elise Popkin, Frances Darrow, Susan Slater, Virginia Karelitz, Iris Lovett, Nancy Kritzman, Helen Bouffard, Gertrude Leonard, Teri Spevock, Linda Lyons, Gail Snyderman, Sylvia Namyet, Irene Scott, Mildred Worthley, Herbert Pozner, Hy Lamb, Barry Zlotin, Jim Testa, Phil Chapman, Morton Kaufman, Bernie Rosenberg and Beth A. Kourafas. The ballot boxes were shown to be empty and registered zero. The ballot boxes were locked and the keys delivered to Officer of the day, Michael Hocking. All election officers were sworn.

At 8:04 P.M. the polls were declared closed. Total votes were as follows: Precinct 1 - 406; Precinct 2 - 495; Precinct 3 - 449, Precinct 4 - 340; Precinct 5 - 368. Total votes cast - 2,058. Absentee ballots cast - 62. The ballots were canvassed according to the law by an OPTECH III-P Eagle Ballot Tabulator. Results were transcribed on summary sheets and declaration was made by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused at 8:25 P.M. as follows:

QUESTION NO. 1 "Shall the Town of Sharon be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued for the costs of the renovation, expansion, rehabilitation and/or remodeling of the existing structure at the East Elementary School?"

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
YES	182	333	248	148	145	1,056
NO	224	162	201	192	223	1,002
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0

Total Registered Voters: 11,959

Percent Voting: 18%

Absentee: 62

Total Votes Cast: 2,058

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

May 7, 2002

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of March 19, 2002, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in elections, met in the Sharon High School Gymnasium at 7:00 A.M., Tuesday, May 7, 2002. The warden for the election was Lynne M. Callanan. The wardens for Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were named as follows: Edna Walden, Barbara Testa, Marilyn Lamb, Shirley Schofield and Pat Zlotin. The meeting was called to order by Marlene B. Chused, Town Clerk, who read the call and return of the warrant. Clerks and workers were: Ruth Grandberg, Doris Grahn, Eleanor Herburger, Lorraine Forman, Elise Popkin, Frances Darrow, Susan Slater, Virginia Karelitz, Teri Spevock, Nancy Kritzman, Helen Bouffard, Gertrude Leonard, Diane Donovan, Judy Silverman, Diane Curtis, Mildred Worthley, Herbert Pozner, Hy Lamb, Dave Savage, Jim Testa, Barry Zlotin, Nancy Welch, Phil Chapman and Beth A. Kourafas. The ballot boxes were shown to be empty and registered zero. The ballot boxes were locked and the keys delivered to officer of the day, Allan W. Greenfield. All election officers and workers were sworn.

At 8:27 P.M. the polls were declared closed. Total votes were as follows: Precinct 1 - 1183; Precinct 2 - 1292; Precinct 3 - 1314; Precinct 4 - 1053; Precinct 5 - 1136. Total votes cast - 5,978. The ballots were canvassed according to the law by an OPTECH III-P Eagle Ballot Tabulator. Results were transcribed on summary sheets and declaration was made by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused at 9:17 P.M. as follows:

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
SELECTMEN (3 YEARS)						
WALTER B. ROACH	641	647	681	565	649	3,183
DAVID I. GRASFIELD	431	493	496	385	390	2,195
WRITE-IN	0	5	5	1	2	13
Blanks	111	147	132	102	95	587
MODERATOR (3 YEARS)						
PAUL E. BOUTON	788	856	902	695	762	4,003
WRITE-IN	13	11	11	6	8	49
Blanks	382	425	401	352	366	1,926
TOWN CLERK (3 YEARS)						
MARLENE B. CHUSED	900	973	1016	805	851	4,545
WRITE-IN	10	4	7	5	9	35
Blanks	273	315	291	243	276	1,398

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
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ASSESSOR (3 YEARS)

PAULA B. KEEFE	783	848	884	700	756	3,971
WRITE-IN	5	4	10	9	7	35
Blanks	395	440	420	344	373	1,972

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)

SAMSON S. LIAO	735	800	783	664	672	3,654
GLENN E. ALLEN	383	397	413	357	393	1,943
DONALD D. GILLIGAN	501	542	578	434	493	2,548
WRITE-IN	3	3	8	6	4	24
Blanks	744	842	846	645	710	3,787

PLANNING BOARD (5 YEARS)

NADINE H. OSTROW	455	454	415	356	429	2,109
SAMUEL B. RESNICK	294	380	441	319	329	1,763
WRITE-IN	6	0	5	6	4	21
Blanks	428	458	453	372	374	2,085

HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 YEARS)

IRENE G. SCOTT	769	799	845	682	726	3,821
WRITE-IN	5	3	5	4	9	26
Blanks	409	490	464	367	401	2,131

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY (3 YEARS)

SANDRA HIRSH GOVERMAN	737	796	827	655	702	3,717
ABIGAIL MARSTERS	772	750	823	645	712	3,702
WRITE-IN	4	3	4	6	8	25
Blanks	853	1035	974	800	850	4,512

QUESTION NO. 1

"Shall the Town of Sharon be allowed to assess an additional \$3,880,000 in Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes for the public schools, for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2002?"

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
YES	534	711	712	532	489	2,978
NO	645	575	596	514	636	2,966
Blanks	4	6	6	7	11	34

QUESTION NO. 2

"Shall the Town of Sharon be allowed to assess an additional \$618,106 in Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes for the purpose of defraying charges and expenses of the Town, including the Fire, Police, Health, Public Works and Recreation Departments; exclusive of the Public Schools and Public Library, for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2002?"

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
YES	479	540	561	464	412	2,456
NO	680	727	732	575	712	3,426
Blanks	24	25	21	14	12	96

QUESTION NO. 3

"Shall the Town of Sharon be allowed to assess an additional \$35,000 in Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes for the Public Library, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002?"

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
YES	609	638	667	518	507	2,939
NO	558	628	628	528	623	2,965
Blanks	16	26	19	7	6	74

QUESTION NO. 4

"Shall the Town of Sharon accept Sections 3 through 7, inclusive, of chapter 44B of the General Laws, the so-called "Community Preservation Act," a summary of which appears below, as approved under Article 7 of the December 3, 2001 Special Town Meeting?"

Sections 3 through 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act (the "Act"), establish a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to: (1) acquire open space, which includes land for park and recreational uses and the protection of public drinking water well fields, aquifers and recharge areas, wetlands, farm land, forests, marshes, beaches, scenic areas, wildlife preserves and other conservation areas; (2) acquire and restore historic buildings and sites; and (3) create affordable housing.

In Sharon, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of 1% on the annual property tax assessed on real property and annual distributions made by the state from a trust fund created by the Act. If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town, as defined in Section 2 of the Act; (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement of exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge.

A Community Preservation Committee will be established by by-law to study community preservation resources, possibilities and needs and to make annual recommendations to Town Meeting on spending the funds. At least 10% of the funds for each fiscal year will be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes: (1) open space (excluding land for

recreational use); (2) historic resources; and (3) affordable housing.

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
YES	599	548	596	479	479	2,701
NO	520	649	635	520	612	2,936
Blanks	64	95	83	54	45	341

Total Registered Voters: 12,070
Percent Voting: 50%
Absentee: 177
Total Votes Cast: 5,978

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 13, 2002

Pursuant to the provisions of the warrant of March 19, 2002, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in town affairs met at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium at 8:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Paul E. Bouton. The Moderator said that in the absence of any objection he would assume that there was unanimous consent to waive the reading of the call and return of the warrant by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused. There was no objection to this request. Patricia A. Zlotin and Andrew I. Glincher were sworn as Assistant Moderators. Prayer for divine guidance was offered by Rabbi Clifford E. Librach.

VOTED: That general comments by speakers at the microphone be limited to 2 minutes, and that formal presentations by organizations, consultants, and committees be limited to 10 minutes, with discretion given by the moderator."

VOTED: That this Town Meeting be adjourned to reconvene at this auditorium upon the adjournment or dissolution of the Special Town Meeting within the Annual Meeting of May 13, 2002.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WITHIN THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Paul E. Bouton.

ARTICLE 1.

VOTED: That action under Article 1 be indefinitely postponed. (To appropriate or transfer money for School Department budget for Fiscal Year 2002)

ARTICLE 2.

VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$24,377.61 from the Reserve for Appropriations Account to the Fiscal Year 2002 Department of Public Works budget.

ARTICLE 3.

VOTED: That action under Article 3 be indefinitely postponed.
(To authorize a revolving fund known as the Recreation Department
Revolving Fund)

VOTED: That this Special Town Meeting within the Annual Meeting
be dissolved.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 13, 2002

VOTED: That whenever at this Town Meeting a majority or two
thirds vote is required by statute, by-law or rule of procedure, a
count need not be taken, or recorded by the clerk, but may be
publicly declared by the moderator. If a vote so declared is
immediately questioned by seven or more voters the count shall be
taken, and the vote shall be recorded by the clerk; provided,
however, that if the vote is unanimous a count need not be taken
and the clerk shall record the vote as unanimous.

VOTED: That the meeting adjourn at 11:00 P.M. or at the close of
the Article then under discussion and to reconvene on Tuesday
evening, May 14, 2002 at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium at 8:00
P.M.

ARTICLE 2.

VOTED: That the Town elect to the Finance Committee the
following named:

For a three-year term:

David I. Grasfield - 222 Mountain Street
David C. Fixler - 81 Bishop Road
David John Hearne - 76 Brook Road
Paul A. Pietal - 86 North Main Street

ARTICLE 3.

VOTED: That the reports of the various officials, boards and
committees be received for filing.

ARTICLE 4.

VOTED: That the Town amend the Personnel By-Law of the Town of Sharon exactly as printed beginning on page 3 and ending on page 11 of the Annual Meeting Warrant.

A. By adopting as amendments to said By-Law, the following interim and/or emergency changes, additions or deletions made by the Personnel Board in its authority under Section 2.6 of the By-Law:

To change the non-union employees' vacation benefits. The following shall take effect as of January 1, 2002: Any employee who has been working for the Town after 16 years shall be given 21 days of vacation; after 17 years will receive 22 days; 18 years will receive 23 days; 19 years will receive 24 days; and 20 years and there after will receive 25 days of vacation.

2) To increase the salary for the position of the Administrative Assistant to the High School Expansion Building Committee to \$16.00/hour for FY2000, retroactive; \$17.00/hour for FY2001, retroactive; and \$18.00/hour for FY2002, retroactive.

3) To increase the salary for the position of the Administrative Assistant to the Sharon Standing Building Committee to \$15.42/hour effective August 20, 2001.

4) To reduce the pay schedule for the position of the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works from \$85,646/year to \$80,000/year for the period of October 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

5) To provide the position of Superintendent of Public Works a temporary \$100/per week stipend, retroactive to 10/01/01 for providing Town Engineer administrative services until that position is filled, or until otherwise determined by the Board of Selectmen.

6) To create the position of Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health under the Office Occupation Classification, Grade 3b, effective July 1, 2000. The pay range according to the current by-laws will be:

July 1, 2000-June 30, 2001

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
\$15.34	\$15.65	\$15.95	\$16.27	\$16.60
Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Max
\$16.93	\$17.27	\$17.62	\$17.97	\$18.33

July 1, 2001-June 30, 2002

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
\$15.80	\$16.12	\$16.43	\$16.76	\$17.10
Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Max
\$17.44	\$17.79	\$18.15	\$18.51	\$18.88

B. By striking out all classification schedules and pay schedules in Appendix A and Appendix B and substituting new classification schedules and new pay schedules Appendix A and Appendix B as of July 1, 2002, except as other dates are specified.

APPENDIX A

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CONTAINED WITHIN CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE SECTION ENTITLED 1.100-1.300 WITH ASSOCIATED PAY SCHEDULE SECTION 2.100-2.300 ARE NOT COVERED BY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.

EXECUTIVE CATEGORY JULY 1,2002 - JUNE 30,2003

SECTION 1.100 CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

SECTION 2.100 PAY SCHEDULE/ANNUALLY

CODE		
E-1	Police Chief	\$ 107,021
E-1	Superintendent of Public Works	\$ 83,200*
E-1	Fire Chief	\$ 77,664
E-3	Treasurer/Collector D.P. Mgr.	\$ 72,134**
E-3	Town Engineer	\$ 70,000
E-3	Data Processing Systems Administrator	\$ 71,403
E-3	Library Director	\$ 68,132
E-3	Recreation Director	\$ 65,520
E-3	Town Accountant	\$ 63,186
E-4	Assistant Assessor	\$ 59,498
E-4	Council on Aging Exec. Dir.	\$ 52,546

* Does not include temporary \$100/week stipend for providing Town Engineer administrative services until that position is filled, or until otherwise determined by the Board of Selectmen

** Does not include Data Processing Manager additional compensation of \$10,102 per year.

SECTION 1.200 CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

SECTION 2.000 PAY SCHEDULE

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY BOARD OF SELECTMEN (HRLY)

Effective 7/1/02

Steps	Min	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Max
hrly	21.69	22.19	22.68	23.19	23.71	24.25	25.79	25.35	25.93	26.50

Note: Position is hereby entitled to benefits provided to ATP/MP Association per provisions of contract, on file in Town Accountant Offices, as follows: Article III "Longevity," Article IV "Leave," Article V "Sick Leave," Article VI "Hours of Work" (with premium rates applicable after 37.5 hrs/wk) Article VII "Miscellaneous Benefits" (J)Special Eyeglasses.

SECY-BOARD OF SELECT/ELEC. SECY (HRLY)

Effective 7 /1/02

Steps	Min	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Max
hrly	15.42	15.72	16.04	16.36	16.69	17.03	17.37	17.72	18.07	18.42

Note: Position is hereby entitled to contract benefit provisions, on file in Town Accountant Offices, per Agreement between Town and Local 925 as follows: Article 7, "Hours of Work" Article 8 " Sick Leave," Article 9 "Vacations," Article 10 "Holiday," Article 12 "Insurance," Article 13(g) "Longevity," Article 17 "Bereavement Leave," Article 23(3) "Technological Change."

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1.300
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002

SECTION 2.300
PAY SCHEDULE

TITLE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
VETERANS' AGENT (YRLY)					11,145.00
SEALER OF WEIGHTS/MEASURES (YRLY)					3,183.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER FILL-IN (DAILY/VACATION)					36.05/51.50
ANIMAL INSPECTOR (YRLY)					3,000.00
CUST/MAINT (HOURLY)	6.21	6.40	6.58	6.78	
DPW TEMP/SUMMER LABOR (HRLY)	7.75	8.49	9.28		
LIBRARY PAGE (HRLY)	7.16	7.37	7.59	7.82	
ADM. SECRETARY - H.S. Expansion (HRLY)					18.00
FINANCE COMM. (HRLY)	10.66	11.93	12.86	13.51	15.59
STANDING BLDG COMM. (HRLY)					15.88
USER GROUP FACILITATOR (WKLY)					35.00

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT - PART-TIME
EFFECTIVE May 1, 2002 (HRLY)

Step 1

Waterfront Supervisor	13.39
Swimming Instructor	9.27
Lifeguard	8.24
Head Attendant/Maint. Supv.	9.27
Attendant/Maint.	8.24
Sailing Supervisor	13.39
Sailing Instructor	9.27
Tag & Sticker Clerk	12.78 ***

*** Rate is unchanged from prior fiscal year

APPENDIX B

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CONTAINED WITHIN CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE SECTIONS ENTITLED 1.400-1.800 WITH ASSOCIATED PAY SCHEDULE SECTIONS 2.400-2.800 ARE COVERED BY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.

MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY
(FORMERLY ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY)

SECTION 1.400
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

MP-0 Building Inspector**

MP-1 Health Administrator*
Operations Supervisor
Water Systems Supervisor
Public Health Nurse*

MP-2 Animal Control Officer*
Asst. Recreation Director*
Asst. Town Engineer
Business Manager
Conservation Agent
Forestry & Grounds Supervisor
Info Services/Asst. Library Dir

SECTION 2.400
PAY SCHEDULE/HOURLY

MP-3 Athletic Supervisor
Asst. Operations Supervisor
Case Manager*
Children's Service
Librarian***
Engineering Aide/GIS Tech
Engineering Aide/Health Agent
Technical Services
Librarian***
Technical Support Specialist

MP-4 Information Service
Librarian*/***

July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002 ****

Grade	Min	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Max
MP-0	24.11	24.65	25.20	25.77	26.36	26.94	27.55	28.17	28.81	29.46
MP-1	22.53	23.05	23.56	24.09	24.63	25.19	25.76	26.33	26.92	27.54
MP-2	21.06	21.54	22.02	22.51	23.02	23.54	24.07	24.61	25.17	25.73
MP-3	19.32	19.76	20.20	20.65	21.12	21.59	22.08	22.58	23.09	23.60
MP-4	17.57	17.96	18.37	18.77	19.20	19.64	20.07	20.52	20.99	21.46

*The following positions work other than a 40 hour work week:

Information Services/Asst. Library Director 37.5 hours
Public Health Nurse 30 hours
Animal Control Officer 25 hours
Asst. Recreation Director 37.5 hours
Case Manager 28 hours
Health Administrator 35 hours

**The Building Inspector was at a grade MP-1 for FY'00.

***The benefits are covered by the Office/Clerical category contract.

****This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed.

LABOR CATEGORY
(FORMERLY INDUSTRIAL, TRADE AND SERVICES CATEGORY)

SECTION 1.500
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

SECTION 2.500
PAY SCHEDULE/HOURLY

L-1	Assistant Water Supervisor	L-4	Auto Equipment Operator Water Auto Equipment Operator Maintenance Man/Custodian DPW Custodian Community Center
L-2	Master Mechanic Working Foreman Operations Working Foreman Water Working Foreman Forestry & Grnds Senior Water Systems Technician	L-5	
L-3	Aerial Lift (Truck Driver) Foreman Heavy Equipment Operator Night Custodian Water System Technician		

July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002 ****

Grade	Min	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Max
L-1	18.43	18.80	19.18	19.56	19.95	20.35	20.76	21.17	21.59	22.03
L-2	17.49	17.84	18.19	18.56	18.93	19.31	19.69	20.09	20.49	20.90
L-3	16.59	16.92	17.26	17.61	17.96	18.32	18.68	19.06	19.44	19.83
L-4	15.74	16.06	16.38	16.70	17.04	17.38	17.73	18.08	18.44	18.81
L-5	14.71	15.01	15.31	15.61	15.92	16.24	16.57	16.90	17.24	17.58

****This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed.

OFFICE OCCUPATION CATEGORY
(FORMERLY OFFICE CLERICAL CLASSIFICATION)

SECTION 1.600
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

SECTION 2.600
PAY SCHEDULE/HOURLY

OC-1	Assistant Accountant Assistant Collector Assistant Treasurer	OC-4b	Bookkeeper Police Clerk Secretary to Operations Division Secretary to Recreation Dept. Secretary to Zoning Board Of Appeals
OC-2	Confidential Police Secretary	OC-5	Admin. Asst. to Planning Board
OC-3a	Administrative Asst.-Ex Dir COA Administrative Asst.-Assessor Assistant Town Clerk Circulation Supervisor Information Services Librarian		Bus/Van Driver Secretary to Conservation Commission Secretary to Personnel Board Transportation Coordinator
OC-3b	Collections Supervisor Dispatcher* Treasury Supervisor (Payroll) Admin. Asst. - Board of Health		
OC-4a	Administrative Asst. - Library Election & Registration Clerk Library Assistant Secretary to Building & Engineering		

Secretary to Fire Dept.
 Secretary to Water Dept.
 Secretary/Clerk Accounting
 Senior Assessor Clerk
 Technical Services Asst.

*Additional compensation Supervisor/Dispatcher \$25.00 per week.

SECTION 1.600
 SECTION 2.600
 CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

PAY SCHEDULE/HOURLY

July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002 ****

FY										
2002										
Grade	Min	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Max
OC-1	19.80	20.19	20.59	21.00	21.43	21.86	22.29	22.73	23.20	23.66
OC-2	17.83	18.19	18.55	18.92	19.30	19.68	20.09	20.49	20.89	21.31
OC-3a	16.67	17.00	17.33	17.69	18.04	18.40	18.77	19.14	19.52	19.91
OC-3b	15.80	16.12	16.43	16.76	17.10	17.44	17.79	18.15	18.51	18.88
OC-4a	14.97	15.26	15.57	15.88	16.20	16.53	16.86	17.20	17.54	17.88
OC-4b	14.19	14.47	14.76	15.06	15.36	15.67	15.99	16.30	16.62	16.96
OC-5	12.78	13.04	13.30	13.57	13.84	14.12	14.41	14.70	14.99	15.29

****This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed.

PUBLIC SAFETY CATEGORY*

SECTION 1.700
 CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

SECTION 2.700
 PAY SCHEDULE/WEEKLY

POLICE DEPARTMENT JULY 1, 2002 - JUNE 30, 2003

TITLE	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
Police Chief	PD-110					\$2,050.21**
Sergeant	PD-80					
Effective Date						
July 1, 2001						934.55
Patrolman	PD-60	PD-60A	PD-60B	PD-60C	PD-60D	
		1ST YR.	2ND YR.	3RD YR.	4TH YR.	
Effective Date		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	
July 1, 2001		619.50	661.16	704.78	779.76	

The amounts of pay shown in the above schedule for position code PD-60 and PD-80 do not include the extra pay for educational qualifications provided for in the statutes and regulations of the State.

Members of the Police Department while so designated by the Chief of Police shall receive additional compensation to be considered part of their base pay as follows:

DETECTIVE PATROLMAN	\$40.00 PER WEEK
POLICE PROSECUTOR	\$40.00 PER WEEK
MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR (SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT)	\$22.54 PER WEEK
ACCREDITATION MANAGER, COMPUTER MANAGER	\$22.54 PER WEEK
DARE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	\$22.54 PER WEEK
CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER	\$22.54 PER WEEK
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT OFFICER	\$22.54 PER WEEK
POLICE CLERK	\$10.00 PER WEEK***

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**The pay of the Police Chief, including all overtime pay and extra pay for educational qualifications, shall be limited to \$2,050.21 per week, effective 7/1/02 (Non-Civil Service).

***The Police Clerk while so designated by the Chief of Police shall receive a \$10.00 per week stipend not to be considered part of the base pay.

Any patrolman, appointed without being required to take the written examination, shall be paid the base pay rate called for by step 1 of the pay schedule for a period of six months following his appointment, and, upon the expiration of said six-month period, shall be paid the base pay rate provided for by step 2 unless he shall have previously been employed full time as a police officer, in which case he shall be paid the base pay rate under the step he would have been paid if his prior employment had been in the Sharon Police Department. Notwithstanding the step increase or increases provided herein, a patrolman's probationary period shall be the probationary period provided for in 5-5 of this By-Law or in the collective bargaining agreement, whichever is applicable.

POLICE CROSSING GUARDS*
7/1/01 to 6/30/02**

	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3
School Crossing Guard PD20	28.37	30.92	34.01
School Crossing Guard Supervisor PD20A			42.56

*PD20 and PD20A-The amounts of pay shown in the above schedule shall be paid in the event that school is canceled due to snow.

**This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed.

SUPERIOR OFFICERS

July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002*

	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
Lieutenant, Police Dept.					
Jan. 1, 2002	1344.65	1384.98	1426.56	1469.34	1513.42

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

SECTION 1.800
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULESECTION 2.800
PAY SCHEDULE/WEEKLY

JULY 1, 2002 - JUNE 30, 2003

TITLE	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5*
FIRE CHIEF	100					1,487.82
DEP FIRE CHIEF	99					1,279.63

*The pay of the Fire Chief, including all overtime pay, shall be limited to \$1,487.82 per week for fiscal year 2002-2003. The pay of the Deputy Fire Chief, including all overtime pay, shall be limited to \$1,279.63 per week for fiscal year 2002-2003.

JULY 1, 2001 - JUNE 30, 2002 *

TITLE	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4
CAPT.	FD-90				915.21
LT.	FD-80				905.43
FF.	FD-60	647.69	682.11	773.35	

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Members of the Fire Department in the above classifications who become certified, are certified or are recertified as Emergency Medical Technicians shall receive an annual stipend. Employees not now certified will be given the opportunity to obtain such certification, one at a time. Employees taking the certification course a second or subsequent time will receive overtime payments and tuition reimbursement only upon passing the EMT examination and becoming certified.

Members of the Fire Department are eligible to receive additional compensation in each fiscal year in accordance with the following educational incentive program:

For Fire Science Course approved in advance by the Fire Chief and successfully passed and credits certified, members of the Fire Department in the above classifications shall receive additional compensation in each fiscal year in accordance with the following schedule:

FOR 15 COURSE CREDITS CERTIFIED	\$ 200 ANNUALLY
FOR 30 COURSE CREDITS CERTIFIED	400 ANNUALLY
FOR AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE CERTIFIED	1,000 ANNUALLY
FOR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE CERTIFIED	1,500 ANNUALLY

Payments for Emergency Medical Technician Certification Program shall be made on the second pay in the month of November. Educational Incentive, effective 7/1/98, shall be added to base wage.

CALL FIREFIGHTERS
HOURLY COMPENSATION RATE

July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999 10.00**

** This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed.

ARTICLE 5.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate for the various town offices and for defraying charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest for fiscal year, July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003, the various sums stated as "FY'03 Appropriation" by the Finance Committee and shown in the "FY'03 Non-override Article 5 Recapitulation" on pages 40 and 41 of the warrant for this annual meeting, except the following:

Board of Selectmen	Town Clerk
Reserve Fund	Ambulance
Assessors	School
Library	Board of Health - Waste Removal
Debt Principal	Unemployment
Debt Interest	

and further, that the Town indefinitely postpone action with regard to the "Annual Audit" and "Retirement" budgets.

VOTED:

Moderator	\$	50.
Finance Committee		4,380.
Personnel Board		3,321.
Conservation Commission		68,375.
Lake Management		2,375.
Planning Board		12,952.
Board of Appeals		14,778.
Development & Industrial Com		1.
Board of Health Services & Admin		123,117.
Accountant		176,689.
Treasurer		275,919.
Law		95,000.
Data Processing		134,280.
Elections & Registration		85,221.
Affirmative Action		0.
Town Report		10,500.
Sign Committee		50.
Police		2,241,817.
Fire		1,257,338.
Weights & Measures		3,683.
Animal Inspector		3,000.
Civil Defense		9,000.
Animal Control		48,550.
Public Works		1,854,501.
Council on Aging		190,459.
Veterans' Agent		17,177.
Veterans' Graves		2,640.
Commission on Disability		500.
Housing Partnership		0.
Recreation		254,765.
Historical Commission		150.
Community Celebrations		1,885.

Voc Tech School	10,757.
Voc Tuition	24,000.
Street Lights	196,800.
FICA: Medicare	360,000.
FICA: Social Security	70,000.
Insurance	4,159,517.
Water Department	1,591,799.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$222,706 for the Board of Selectmen's budget, of which \$500 shall be for the salary of the Chairman and \$800 for the salaries of the other members, and \$221,406 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$179,521 for the Board of Assessors' budget, of which \$2,400 shall be for the salary of the Chairman, \$4,400 shall be for the salaries for the other members, and \$172,721 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$97,373 for the Town Clerk's budget, of which \$48,880 shall be for the salary of the Town Clerk, and \$48,493 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$635,709 for the Library budget.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$399,971 for the Ambulance budget, of which \$300,000 shall be transferred from the Ambulance Reserve Account, with the balance of \$99,971 raised on tax levy.

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$420,000 for the Reserve Fund and in order to meet this appropriation, \$400,000 shall be transferred from the Overlay Reserve Account with the balance of \$20,000 raised on the tax levy.

MOVED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,769,695 for the School budget of which \$863,633 shall be transferred from "Free Cash" with the balance of \$21,906,062 raised on the tax levy.

MOTION TO AMEND: The School Committee moves that the motion of the Finance Committee be amended by substituting the following language after the word "appropriate":

"...the sum of \$26,659,611 for the School budget of which \$863,633 shall be transferred from "Free Cash" with the balance of \$25,795,978 raised on the tax levy".

MOTION: To call the question. **CARRIED BY 2/3 VOTE.**

VOTED: To amend the motion of the Finance Committee by substituting the following language after the word "appropriate":

"...the sum of \$26,659,611 for the School budget of which \$863,633 shall be transferred from "Free Cash" with the balance of \$25,795,978 raised on the tax levy".

Votes in the affirmative 1727. Votes in the negative 352. A standing vote.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,659,611 for the School budget of which \$863,633 shall be transferred from "Free Cash" with the balance of \$25,795,978 raised on the tax levy".

MOTION: To reconsider action on previous motion. **NOT CARRIED.**

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$91,719 for the Board of Health - Waste Removal budget.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,720,000 for the Debt Principal budget.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,864,638 for the Debt Interest budget.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the Unemployment budget.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,591,799 for the Water Department budget.

ARTICLE 6.

VOTED:

- A. That the Town Clerk cast one ballot for the Trustees of the Dorchester and Surplus Revenue School Funds as follows:
Robert Uyttebroek and Bernard Rosenberg
- B. That the Town Clerk cast one ballot for the Trustees of the Edmund H. Talbot Fund as follows:
Albert F. Blackler and Eleanor M. Herberger
- C. That the Town Clerk cast one ballot for the Trustees of the Sharon Friends School Fund as follows:
Morton Kaufman, Eleanor M. Herberger, Joseph Petrosky, Robert Uyttebroek and Corrine Hershman; and,
- D. To accept the report of the donors of the Sharon Friends School Fund.

ARTICLE 7.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,153,258 to be added to the special fund established to pay the Norfolk County Retirement Board for the Annual Assessment costs chargeable to the Town.

ARTICLE 8.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,000 for the purpose of services to perform an annual audit of accounts of the Town of Sharon for the fiscal year 2002 in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 40, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE 9.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of paying for the cost of implementing and compliance with the Government Accounting Standards Board requirements under Statement 34, which establishes new financial reporting requirements for state and local governments throughout the United States.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:05 P.M.

Attendance: 2,183

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 13, 2002

The Adjourned Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2002 was adjourned at 11:05 P.M. to reconvene at the Sharon High School, Arthur E. Collins Auditorium on Pond Street on Tuesday, May 14, 2002 at 8:00 P.M. then and there to act on all unfinished business in the Annual Town Warrant of 2002.

Attest:

Marlene B. Chused
Sharon Town Clerk

MAY 14, 2002

This is to certify that I have posted a copy of the above notice in accordance with Town by-Laws.

Daniel Sirkin
Constable
Sharon, Massachusetts

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 14, 2002

ARTICLE 10.

MOTION: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 so that the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission may obtain no less than three and no more than four "Highest and Best Use" appraisal reports of the property known as "Rattlesnake Hill." These appraisal reports would be obtained so that the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission may proceed with the process of acquiring by gift, purchase or eminent domain under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 79 and/or Chapter 80A, as such eminent domain procedure shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen, in the name of the Town for conservation purposes and/or for the purpose of effecting a public improvement, the fee and/or a Conservation Restriction and/or the control of the ownership of the following parcels of land or portions thereof:

The property known as Rattlesnake Hill, situated in Sharon, Massachusetts, located on the easterly side of Mountain Street, consisting of 339.40 acres +/- and containing Lots AA, 6, 7, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 as shown on a "Plan of Land, Mountain Street in Sharon, Mass.," dated May 6, 1996, Youngquist, James & Associates, Inc., recorded in the Norfolk Registry of Deeds on May 30, 1996 in Plan Book 439, Plan No. 293, or as the same may be more particularly described.

Upon receipt of all of the appraisal reports, the proposed acquisition amount would be based upon the average amount of the second and third highest values (in the event four appraisal reports are obtained) or the amount of the second highest value (in the event three appraisal reports are obtained).

MOTION TO AMEND: By omitting paragraph 3 of Article 10.
CARRIED. DECLARED BY MODERATOR 2/3 VOTE.

MOTION: To move previous question. **CARRIED. DECLARED BY MODERATOR 2/3 VOTE.**

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 so that the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission may obtain no less than three and no more than four "Highest and Best Use" appraisal reports of the property known as "Rattlesnake Hill." These appraisal reports would be obtained so that the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission may proceed with the process of acquiring by gift, purchase or eminent domain under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 79 and/or Chapter 80A, as such eminent domain procedure shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen, in the name of the Town for conservation purposes and/or for the purpose of effecting a public improvement, the fee and/or a

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ARTICLE 11.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That action under Article 11 be indefinitely postponed. (To raise and appropriate money for Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Account to acquire Rattlesnake Hill for conservation purposes.)

ARTICLE 12.

VOTED: That action under Article 12 be indefinitely postponed. (Acquisition of parcels of land owned by Rattlesnake Corp. for construction of an above-ground water storage tank.)

ARTICLE 13.

VOTED: That action under Article 13 be indefinitely postponed. (East Elementary School - additional funds)

ARTICLE 14.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$630,000 for the reconstructing or resurfacing of public ways and for original construction of sidewalks for the Department of Public Works and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$630,000 under Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 44, S7.
DECLARED BY MODERATOR 2/3 VOTE.

ARTICLE 15.

MOTION: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$495,000 for remodeling, reconstructing, and making extraordinary repairs to public school buildings and for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the School Department and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$495,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7.

MOTION: To move previous question. **DECLARED BY MODERATOR 2/3 VOTE.**

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$495,000 for remodeling, reconstructing, and making extraordinary repairs to public school buildings and for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the School Department and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$495,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7.

ARTICLE 16.

MOTION: That action under Article 16 be indefinitely postponed.

MOTION: To move previous question. **CARRIED.**

MOTION: That action under Article 16 be indefinitely postponed.
NOT CARRIED.

MOTION: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for engineering or architectural services for plans and specifications to rehabilitate, renovate or construct additions to the Wilber Municipal Building and to meet this appropriation \$144,359.45 shall be transferred from the appropriation voted under Article 5 of Warrant for the adjourned Special Town Meeting of November 20, 2000; \$80,640.55 shall be transferred from the appropriation voted under Article 13 of the Warrant for the 2001 Annual Town Meeting and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$175,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, S7.

MOTION: To call the previous question. **CARRIED. 2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR.**

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for engineering or architectural services for plans and specifications to rehabilitate, renovate or construct additions to the Wilber Municipal Building and to meet this appropriation \$144,359.45 shall be transferred from the appropriation voted under Article 5 of Warrant for the adjourned Special Town Meeting of November 20, 2000; \$80,640.55 shall be transferred from the appropriation voted under Article 13 of the Warrant for the 2001 Annual Town Meeting and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$175,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, S7. **2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR.**

ARTICLE 17.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$285,000 for the development, design, purchase of computer hardware and software for the Data Processing Department and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of

Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$285,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, S7. 2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR.

ARTICLE 18.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$164,000 for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Department of Public Works and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$164,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, S7. 2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR.

ARTICLE 19.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$97,500 for remodeling, reconstructing, and for making extraordinary repairs to the Community Center, for reconstructing recreational and athletic facilities and for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Recreation Department and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$97,500 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, S7. 2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR.

ARTICLE 20.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Police Department and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$60,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, S7. 2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR.

ARTICLE 21.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,000 for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Council on Aging and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$56,000 under Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 44, S7. 2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR.

ARTICLE 22.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,600 for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Fire Department and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$28,600 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, S7. 2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR.

ARTICLE 23.

MOVED: That the Town amend Article 10 Police Regulations, Section 23 of the General By-laws of the Town, relative to the prohibition of the keeping of junk or other waste material on property, by deleting the existing section in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

SECTION 23.

(a) Subject to the provisions of the Town's Zoning By-Laws, no person or entity, corporate or otherwise, as owner or as one in control of premises, shall keep in the open in any area of the Town of Sharon any junk or other waste material including, but not limited to any junk automobile, wagon, truck, bus, cycle, or trailer as define in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) For the purposes of this By-Law, junk is defined as (1) waste material, and/or (2) worn out, cast-off or discarded articles, worn out, cast-off or discarded appliances, parts stripped from vehicles, entire vehicle bodies or parts of vehicle bodies that are in disrepair, or materials that are ready for destruction or have been stored or collected for salvage or conversion into some other use.

(c) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (a) and (b) above, no person or entity, corporate or otherwise, including, but not limited to, an individual or entity who repairs or remodels vehicles as a hobby, shall have more than one unregistered vehicle, car, truck or trailer ungaraged on his or her premises at any one time.

(d) Exemptions: This Section 23 shall not apply to land used for the primary purpose of agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, or viticulture; land owned by the Town of Sharon and used for municipal purposes, and land designated by the Board of Selectmen for public dumping purposes.

(e) Violations

1. Once a written violation notice is issued, the owner and/or person or entity in control of the property shall have thirty days to correct the violation without penalty. If the violation is not corrected within said thirty days, a fine of \$100 per violation shall be imposed upon the owner and/or person or entity in control of the property. Such fines may be imposed as criminal fines, pursuant to M.G.L. C.40, S21 or civil fines pursuant to M.G.L. C.40, S21D, and Article 11 of these By-Laws.

2. The provisions of this section shall be enforced by the Building Inspector, Police Department and/or a Prosecuting Officer of the Town of Sharon Police Department. The Building Inspector shall be responsible for maintenance of records pertaining to violations and penalties imposed hereunder.
3. For purpose of this section, the existence of a violation shall be deemed a separated offense for each day that such violation continues.
4. If the owner or person or entity in control of the property fails to pay fines issued for violations of this section, the Town may impose a lien upon the property pursuant to M.G.L. C.40, S58.

MOTION: To amend Article 23 by inserting in Section 23 (a) after the word "area", "viewable from a public way or street".

MOTION: To call question. **CARRIED. 2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR.**

MOTION: That the Town amend Article 10 Police Regulations, Section 23 of the General By-laws of the Town, relative to the prohibition of the keeping of junk or other waste material on property, by deleting the existing section in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

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more than one unregistered vehicle, car, truck or trailer ungaraged on his or her premises at any one time.

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2. The provisions of this section shall be enforced by the Building Inspector, Police Department and/or a Prosecuting Officer of the Town of Sharon Police Department. The Building Inspector shall be responsible for maintenance of records pertaining to violations and penalties imposed hereunder.
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4. If the owner or person or entity in control of the property fails to pay fines issued for violations of this section, the Town may impose a lien upon the property pursuant to M.G.L. C.40, S58.

NOT CARRIED.

MOTION: To call the previous question.

MOTION: To defer this Article. **NOT CARRIED.** Votes in the affirmative 118. Votes in the negative 63. A standing vote.

MOTION: To call the question. **CARRIED.** 2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR.

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2. The provisions of this section shall be enforced by the Building Inspector, Police Department and/or a Prosecuting Officer of the Town of Sharon Police Department. The Building Inspector shall be

responsible for maintenance of records pertaining to violations and penalties imposed hereunder.

3. For purpose of this section, the existence of a violation shall be deemed a separated offense for each day that such violation continues.
4. If the owner or person or entity in control of the property fails to pay fines issued for violations of this section, the Town may impose a lien upon the property pursuant to M.G.L. C.40, S58.

Votes in the affirmative 103. Votes in the negative 64. A standing vote.

MOTION: To reconsider action under Article 23.

MOTION: To adjourn. **NOT CARRIED.**

MOTION: To reconsider action under Article 23. **NOT CARRIED.**

VOTED: For immediate adjournment, to reconvene on Wednesday evening, May 15, 2002 at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium at 8:00 P.M.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:40 P.M.

Attendance: 260

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 14, 2002

The Adjourned Annual Town Meeting of May 14, 2002 was adjourned at 11:40 P.M. to reconvene at the Sharon High School, Arthur E. Collins Auditorium on Pond Street on Wednesday, May 15, 2002 at 8:00 P.M. then and there to act on all unfinished business in the Annual Town Warrant of 2002.

Attest:

Marlene B. Chused
Sharon Town Clerk

MAY 15, 2002

This is to certify that I have posted a copy of the above notice in accordance with Town By-Laws.

Daniel Sirkin
Constable
Sharon, Massachusetts

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 15, 2002

MOTION: That the Town vote to reconsider Article 16. (Explanation was made by the Moderator that the Article as voted had 2 typographical errors in the context of the Article.

CARRIED. 2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR.

VOTED: To amend Article 16 by correcting "Article 5 of the Warrant for the adjourned Special Town Meeting of November 20, 2000" to read "Article 3 of the Warrant for the adjourned Special Town Meeting of November 14, 2000". **CARRIED. 2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR.**

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for engineering or architectural services for plans and specifications to rehabilitate, renovate or construct additions to the Wilber Municipal Building and to meet this appropriation \$144,359.45 shall be transferred from the appropriation voted under Article 3 of the Warrant for the adjourned Special Town Meeting of November 14, 2000; \$80,640.55 shall be transferred from the appropriation voted under Article 13 of the Warrant for the 2001 Annual Town Meeting and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$175,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, S7. **2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR.**

ARTICLE 24.

VOTED: That the Town amend Article 11, Section 2 of the General By-laws of the Town, relative to the violations of the General By-Laws by amending subsection(2) so as to change the amount of the fine from "\$20. for each day violation continues and \$50. for each offense" to "\$100.00 per violation," so that the first section of item number two of said Section reads:

BY-LAW, RULE OR REGULATION	AMOUNT OF FINE	ENFORCING PERSON
2.Art.20,Sec.23 (Keeping of Junk Automobiles, etc.)	\$100. per violation	Police Dept., Prosecuting Officer, Building Inspector

2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR.

ARTICLE 25.

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission to seek the approval of the National Park Service to allow the following parcel of land to be used for purposes other than protected parkland and public outdoor recreation:

A certain portion of the property known as the Sacred Heart Site, which was acquired by the Town by deed of the Order of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart of New England, Inc. dated December 26, 1974 and recorded in the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 5099, Page 169 and shown as Parcel A on a plan entitled "Plot Plan of Sacred Heart Property, Sharon, Mass." dated June 1973 by the Sharon Engineering Department which plan is recorded in said Registry as Plan Number 1102 of 1974, Plan Book 247. The portion of Parcel A to be removed from parkland and public outdoor recreational use contains approximately 3.03 acres and is shown as Parcel "N" on a plan entitled "Proposed Park Land Conversion" prepared by the Sharon Engineering Department which is on file with the Town Clerk.

Said Parcel "N" is to be used for a senior center and/or construction of recreational building(s) and facilities and/or parking related and accessory to such senior center and/or recreational buildings. In exchange for the removal of Parcel "N" from the parkland restriction, the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission will grant to the National park Service, or such other designated federal or state agency, a replacement parkland restriction on land acquired by the Town pursuant to Article 11 of the May 7, 2001 Annual Town Meeting, known as the King Philip Rock property, consisting of approximately 91 acres.

And further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to seek the assent and/or approval of the Secretary of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, the Secretary of the Executive Office of Communities and Development and such other state agencies or officials as may be required to permit such conversion.

And further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission and/or such other Town agencies or officials as may be appropriate to take such other actions, execute such agreements and execute such other documents as may be required to accomplish the foregoing. Votes in excess of 20. **2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR.**

ARTICLE 26.

VOTED: That action under Article 26 be indefinitely postponed. (Early Retirement Municipal Employees)

ARTICLE 27.

VOTED: That action under Article 27 be indefinitely postponed.
(Rezoning - Rural District 1 - Foxboro Town Line)

ARTICLE 28.

VOTED: That action under Article 28 be indefinitely postponed.
(Rezoning - Rural District 1 - Norwood Street)

MOTION: To reconsider action under Article 28. NOT CARRIED.

MOTION: To reconsider action under Article 27. NOT CARRIED.

ARTICLE 29.

VOTED: That the Town amend its General By-Laws by adding a new Subsection C. to Article 10, Police Regulations, Section 29, Public Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages, so as to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages on public sidewalks in conjunction with a duly-licensed restaurant offering outdoor seating, so that Article 10, Section 29, Subsection C shall read as follows:

C. Notwithstanding subsection B above, the Board of Selectmen, in conjunction with the issuance of a license to serve alcoholic beverages, including beer and wine, in accordance with Chapter 138 of the General Laws, may permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages, including beer and wine, on public sidewalks as part of outdoor restaurant seating and food consumption.

and renumber the remaining paragraphs accordingly.
In excess of 40 votes in the affirmative. 27 Votes in the negative. A standing vote. 2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR.

ARTICLE 30.

VOTED: That the Town reauthorize the various revolving funds under M.G.L.c44,§53E1/2 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2002, as shown in Article 30 on pages 27-30 of the warrant for this annual meeting, except for H. Recreation Department Revolving Funds and B. School Bus Revolving Fund.

VOTED: A. Library Public-Use Supplies Revolving Funds

That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund to be known henceforth as the Library Public-Use Supplies Replacement Fund in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

The purpose of this fund is to acquire supplies associated with the use of public-use computer printers and FAXes such as, but not limited to, paper and ink cartridges. Receipts to be deposited in

this fund shall be monies collected as a user fee paid by the users of computer printers and/or the recipients of FAXes. Such monies represent the replacement cost of the supplies. The Library Director, with the approval of the Library Board of Trustees, shall be authorized to expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2003 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2002 plus monies deposited into the fund during FY 2003 and in any event shall not exceed three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars.

VOTED: C. Street Opening Fund

That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund first established for Fiscal Year 1992, known as the Street Opening Fund as provided by M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

The purpose of this fund is to defray the cost of making permanent repairs to openings in Town streets by utility companies, contractors, and/or the Town Water Division.

Receipts to be deposited in this fund shall be monies paid by utility companies, contractors and/or the Town Water Division in accordance with the requirements of the Town of Sharon Street Opening Manual. The Superintendent of Public Works, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall be authorized to expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal year 2003 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal year 2002 plus monies deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 2003 and in any event shall not exceed twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars.

VOTED: D. Recycling Fund

That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund first established for Fiscal Year 1991 known as the Recycling Fund as provided by M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

The purpose of this fund is to support the recycling program of the Town of Sharon and to purchase and install shade trees and shrubs to be planted in the public ways of the Town and otherwise as provided for in Section, 7, Chapter 87 of the General statutes. Receipts to be deposited to this fund shall be monies derived from the sale of recycled materials including, but not limited to, newspaper, glass, metals and plastics, the sale of leaf bags, and disposal fees for certain special wastes generated by the citizens of Sharon including, but not limited to, batteries, tires, and used motor oil and white goods, and an amount equal to the number of tons of material recycled times the Tipping Fee at the SEMASS facility to be transferred from the Tipping Fee Escrow Fund. The Superintendent of Public Works, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall be authorized to expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2003 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2002 plus monies deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 2003 and in any event shall not exceed fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars.

VOTED: E. Cable TV Licensing and Relicensing Fund

That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund to be known as the Cable TV Licensing and Relicensing Fund in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

The purpose of this fund is to prepare for future cable licensing or relicensing. Receipts to be deposited to this fund shall be solely derived from the annual proceeds received by the Town from the cable television licensee under the terms of a Renewal License granted by the Board of Selectmen. Said license requires that to the extent authorized by Chapter 166A of the General Laws of Massachusetts, and permitted by Federal Communication Commission regulations, 50 cents per subscriber per year be forwarded to the Town annually.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2003 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2002 plus receipts deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 2003 and in any case shall not exceed ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars. Any unused balance, subject to subsequent Town Meeting authorization, shall carry forward for the benefit of Sharon cable subscribers to cover any costs incurred at the time of license issuance or renewal.

The Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to expend from this fund.

VOTED: F. Conservation Commission Advertising Revolving Fund

That the town reauthorize a revolving fund known as the "Conservation Commission Advertising Revolving Fund" in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

The purpose of this fund shall be to defray the cost of advertising for hearings and meetings before the Sharon Conservation Commission. Receipts to be deposited in this fund shall be monies paid by persons requesting hearings before the Sharon Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission shall be authorized to expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2003 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2002 plus monies deposited into the fund during FY 2003 and in any event shall not exceed three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars.

VOTED: G. Library Materials Replacement Fund

That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund first established for fiscal year 1993 known as the Library Materials Replacement Fund in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

The purpose of this fund is to acquire equivalent Public Library materials to replace items lost by those who borrow such materials. Receipts to be deposited in this fund shall be monies paid by the borrowers of the lost materials. Such monies represent the replacement cost of the material. The Library Director, with the approval of the Library Board of Trustees, shall be authorized to expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2003 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2002 plus receipts deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 2003 and in any case shall not exceed three thousand (\$3,0000) dollars.

VOTED: H. Recreation Department Programs Revolving Fund

That the Town authorize a revolving fund to be known as the Recreation Department Revolving Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

The purpose of this fund is to support the fee-based recreation department programs. Receipts to be deposited into this fund shall be monies collected from users of the recreation department programs and facilities. The Recreation Director, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall be authorized to expend from this fund. Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2003 shall not exceed \$100,000.00

VOTED: B. School Bus Revolving Fund

That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund to be known as the School Bus Revolving Fund in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

The purpose of this fund shall be to support the fee-based student transportation system established for those students not eligible for free transportation. Receipts to be deposited to this fund shall be monies collected from parents and guardians of students who are not eligible for free transportation and who wish to purchase school bus transportation. The Superintendent of Schools, with the approval of the School Committee, shall be authorized to expend from the fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2003 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal year 2002 plus monies deposited into the fund during FY 2003 and in any event shall not exceed two hundred seventy-five thousand (\$275,000) dollars.

ARTICLE 31.

VOTED: That action under Article 31 be indefinitely postponed.
(Community Preservation Act Committee Formation)

ARTICLE 32.

VOTED: That action under Article 32 be indefinitely postponed.
(Petition Article - Community Preservation Act Committee)

ARTICLE 33.

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the full apportionment of the 2001 and 2002 State Transportation Bond Issues and to appropriate \$150,510 and \$151,643.53 for a total of \$302,153.53 as available funds for highway construction, detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department pursuant to Chapter 53C and Chapter 235 of the Acts of 1999.

ARTICLE 34.

MOTION: That the Town amend its General By-Laws by adding a new Section 30A to Article 10, Police Regulations, entitled "False 911 Calls" which shall impose fines for the misuse of the so-called "911" emergency telephone service, which shall read as follows:

SECTION 30A. False 911 Calls

A. Definitions.

1. 911 Call: A call received by the Sharon Police Department as a result of a user of telephone service dialing or causing to be dialed the numbers "911" on a telephone, whether by manually dialing such numbers or by the use of an automatic alarm or other alerting device used to dial the numbers "911" automatically or a prerecorded message which accesses emergency services directly.
2. False Alarm: The dialing of the numbers "911" on a telephone by either:
 - (a) activation, through mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation or negligence of the user or its employees or agents, of an automatic alarm or other alerting device used to dial the numbers "911" automatically; or
 - (b) a user of a telephone system who negligently dials, causes to be dialed, or allows to be dialed, the numbers "911" when in fact there has been no emergency or event requiring a response by public safety officials, including, but not limited to, the

police department, the fire department, or emergency medical technicians.

- (c) for purposes of this Section 30A, activation of 911 telephone calls by acts of God, including but not limited to, power outages, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes and similar weather or atmospheric disturbances shall not be deemed to be a false alarm. In addition, any documented error or omission of the company providing telephone service which causes to be place a 911 call in error shall not be deemed to be a false alarm.

B. Penalties

- 1. Upon receipt of three or more false alarms within a calendar year from the same user, said user shall be assessed \$50.00 as a false alarm service fee for each false alarm in excess of three occurring within a calendar year. All fees assessed hereunder shall be paid to the Town Treasurer for deposit into the General Fund.

MOTION: To amend Article 34 as follows:

B. Penalties

- 1. Upon receipt of two or more false alarms within twelve consecutive months from the same user, said user shall be assessed \$50.00 as a false alarm service fee for each false alarm in excess of one occurring within twelve consecutive months.

NOT CARRIED.

MOTION: To amend Article 34 in Section B, by inserting after the word "who", the word "intentionally". **NOT CARRIED.**

VOTED: That the Town amend its General By-Laws by adding a new Section 30A to Article 10, Police Regulations, entitled "False 911 Calls" which shall impose fines for the misuse of the so-called "911" emergency telephone service, which shall read as follows:

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2. False Alarm: The dialing of the numbers "911" on a telephone by either:

- (a) activation, through mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation or negligence of the user or its employees or agents, of an automatic alarm or other alerting device used to dial the numbers "911" automatically; or
- (b) a user of a telephone system who negligently dials, causes to be dialed, or allows to be dialed, the numbers "911" when in fact there has been no emergency or event requiring a response by public safety officials, including, but not limited to, the police department, the fire department, or emergency medical technicians.
- (c) for purposes of this Section 30A, activation of 911 telephone calls by acts of God, including but not limited to, power outages, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes and similar weather or atmospheric disturbances shall not be deemed to be a false alarm. In addition, any documented error or omission of the company providing telephone service which causes to be placed a 911 call in error shall not be deemed to be a false alarm.

B. Penalties

- 1. Upon receipt of three or more false alarms within a calendar year from the same user, said user shall be assessed \$50.00 as a false alarm service fee for each false alarm in excess of three occurring within a calendar year. All fees assessed hereunder shall be paid to the Town Treasurer for deposit into the General Fund.

ARTICLE 35.

VOTED: That the Town amend Article 11, Section 2 of the General By-laws of the Town, relative to the violations of the General By-Laws by amending subsection 1, so as to provide for fines for new Section 30A, so that the first section of item number one of said Section reads:

BY-LAW, RULE

OR REGULATION

1.Art. 10, Sec.1-22,
25-30A Prosecuting
(Misc. police
regulations)

AMOUNT OF FINE

\$50.for each

ENFORCING PERSON

Police Dept.,
Officer, or in the
case of land owned
by the Cons. Comm.,
the Cons. Officer.

ARTICLE 36.

MOTION:

That the Town amend Article 32 of the General By-Laws relative to building and inspection fees, by deleting the existing Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 in their entirety and substituting new Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5, exactly as printed on pages 35 and 36 of the warrant for this annual meeting, except as follows:

Add a new subsection (e) to Section 2.6 as follows:

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| e. | Occupancy permit, permanent or temporary | \$25.00 |
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Add a new section 3.3 as follows:

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| 3.3 | Reinspection fee, work not ready or rejected | \$40.00 |
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Add a new section 5.2 as follows:

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| 5.2 | Reinspection fee, work not ready or rejected | \$40.00 |
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MOTION: To amend Article 36 by changing the letter of the proposed new section "e" to the letter "g" **CARRIED.**

VOTED: That the Town amend Article 32 of the Town Bylaw relative to building permits and fees, by deleting the existing Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 in their entirety and substituting the following therefore:

Section 2. Building Permits and Fees

- 2.1 New Residential Construction: The fee for all new residential building permits shall be computed at the rate of \$0.55 per square foot of gross living and garage space. This fee shall apply to all new construction of single and multiple family housing and shall be based on architectural plans submitted by the applicant.
- 2.2 Existing Residential Construction: The permit fee for all additions, alterations, repairs, accessory buildings, swimming pools, demolition, and relocation shall be computed at the rate of \$9.00 per thousand dollars of estimated construction cost provided, however, that in no event shall the fee be less than \$40.00.
- 2.3 New Non-Residential Construction: The fee for all new non-residential building permits shall be computed at the rate of \$0.65 per square foot of gross floor space. The new non-residential construction fee shall apply to all non-residential construction including, but not limited to, commercial, industrial, office, and school structures, provided, however, that for non-profit tax-exempt schools, houses of religious worship or buildings accessory thereto, the maximum fee shall be \$500.00.
- 2.4 Existing Non-Residential Construction: The permit fee for all additions, alterations, repairs, accessory buildings, demolition, and relocation shall be computed at the rate of \$12.00 per

thousand dollars of estimated construction cost provided, however, that in no event shall the fee be less than \$60.00. The maximum fee for non-profit tax-exempt schools, houses of religious worship or buildings accessory thereto shall be \$500.00.

2.5 The estimated construction cost (Sections 2.2 and 2.4 above) shall be computed by multiplying the gross floor area (sq. ft.) by the average square foot cost as published in the latest edition of "Building Construction Cost Data" by R. S. Means Company, Inc. or other similar recognized national survey. For activities not included in recognized references, the Inspector of Buildings shall compute the estimated cost on the basis of knowledge of the building trades and his/her best experience and training.

2.6 Other Building Related Fees:

a. Re-roofing or re-siding:	50.00
b. Reissue permit or permit card:	30.00
c. Solid fuel burning device:	40.00
d. Amendments to plans:	40.00
e. Plan research/examination:	40.00 per hour
f. Certification of Inspection: See Table 106, (Article 106, Section 106.5) State Building Code, which Table is hereby incorporated by reference.	
g. Occupancy permit, permanent or temporary	25.00

Section 3. Electrical Permits and Fees

3.1 Residential Wiring:

a. New construction, per dwelling unit (not including heat/smoke detectors):	75.00
b. Fire alarm systems (heat/smoke detectors):	40.00
c. Temporary service:	30.00
d. Alterations/rewiring (per dwelling unit):	40.00
e. Alterations/rewiring B add heat/smoke	30.00
f. Swimming pool B in ground:	50.00
g. Swimming pool B above ground:	30.00
h. Service change:	30.00
i. Service change with appliance outlets:	40.00
j. Special B security, low voltage, entertainment, etc.	30.00

3.2 Non-residential Wiring:

a. New construction, alterations, additions - minimum plus 3% of contract price	50.00
b. Industrial maintenance fee: An annual \$100.00 fee will be assessed to industrial plants employing resident licensed electricians performing work which requires periodic inspection.	

3.3 Reinspection fee, work not ready or rejected	40.00
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Section 4. Plumbing and Gas Permits and Fees

4.1	Plumbing, all: plus 8.00 per fixture	30.00+
4.2	Gas, natural and bottled, all:	30.00
4.3	Lawn sprinkler system (per inspection)	30.00
4.4	Underground test:	40.00
4.5	Fire protection system (per inspection)	30.00
4.6	Reinspection fee, work not ready or rejected	40.00
4.7	Replacement hot water heater B no electric	30.00

Section 5. Combination Electric and Plumbing/Gas Permit

5.1	Replacement hot water heaters	40.00
5.2	Reinspection fee, work not ready or rejected	40.00

ARTICLE 37.

VOTED: That the Town amend Section 3100 of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, Off Street Parking and Loading, by amending the first sentence of Section 3112 to include Professional Districts, so that the first sentence of Section 3112 shall read as follows:

3112. Location of Parking. All parking, including access thereto, which is accessory to uses within the Business A and C and Professional Districts shall be provided within the same district.

The remaining provisions of Section 3112 shall remain unchanged.

Votes in the negative 18. Votes in the affirmative in excess of 50. A standing vote. **2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR.**

ARTICLE 38.

MOTION: That action under Article 38 be indefinitely postponed.

MOTION: To call the previous question. **CARRIED. 2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR.**

MOTION: That action under Article 38 be indefinitely postponed. **NOT CARRIED.** Votes in the affirmative 55. Votes in the negative 51. A standing vote.

MOTION: That the Town amend the Town's Zoning By-Laws by amending the existing Zoning Map of the Town of Sharon as follows:

By removing the land shown as Lot 1 (hereinafter defined), which is a portion of the following parcel, from the Single Residence A District and establishing the same Lot 1 as a Professional District:

The parcel of land known as and numbered 440 North Main Street, identified more particularly on Sharon Assessor's Map 122, Lot 121 and in a deed from Edward V. Paul and Eleanor L. Paul to Charles A. Heinberg, Trustee of the Jericho Realty Trust, dated November 4, 1999 and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 14040, Page 14.

The said 440 North Main Street consists of 64,211.96 +/- square feet of land. The said 440 North Main Street is to be divided into two lots, Lot 1 and Lot 2, as shown on a plan entitled "440 North Main Street, Sharon, Massachusetts Plan of Land," dated May 10, 2002, by Kalkunte Engineering Corp. (the "Plan").

Lot 1 consists of 29,998.37 +/- square feet of land as shown on the Plan, which shall be established as a Professional District.

Lot 2 consists of 34,213.59 +/- square feet of land as shown on the Plan and this Lot 2 shall remain in the Single Residence A District.

MOTION: To call the previous question. **CARRIED. 2/3 VOTE
DECLARED BY MODERATOR.**

MOTION: That the Town amend the Town's Zoning By-Laws by amending the existing Zoning Map of the Town of Sharon as follows:

By removing the land shown as Lot 1 (hereinafter defined), which is a portion of the following parcel, from the Single Residence A District and establishing the same Lot 1 as a Professional District:

The parcel of land known as and numbered 440 North Main Street, identified more particularly on Sharon Assessor's Map 122, Lot 121 and in a deed from Edward V. Paul and Eleanor L. Paul to Charles A. Heinberg, Trustee of the Jericho Realty Trust, dated November 4, 1999 and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 14040, Page 14.

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Lot 1 consists of 29,998.37 +/- square feet of land as shown on the Plan, which shall be established as a Professional District.

Lot 2 consists of 34,213.59 +/- square feet of land as shown on the Plan and this Lot 2 shall remain in the Single Residence A District.

NOT CARRIED. Votes in the affirmative 58. Votes in the negative 45. A standing vote.

MOTION: To reconsider Article 38. **CARRIED.** Votes in the affirmative 60. Votes in the negative 46.

MOTION: That the Town amend the Town's Zoning By-Laws by amending the existing Zoning Map of the Town of Sharon as follows:

By removing the land shown as Lot 1 (hereinafter defined), which is a portion of the following parcel, from the Single Residence A District and establishing the same Lot 1 as a Professional District:

The parcel of land known as and numbered 440 North Main Street, identified more particularly on Sharon Assessor's Map 122, Lot 121 and in a deed from Edward V. Paul and Eleanor L. Paul to Charles A. Heinberg, Trustee of the Jericho Realty Trust, dated November 4, 1999 and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 14040, Page 14.

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Lot 2 consists of 34,213.59 +/- square feet of land as shown on the Plan and this Lot 2 shall remain in the Single Residence A District.

MOTION: To call the previous question. **CARRIED.** 2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR.

MOTION: That the Town amend the Town's Zoning By-Laws by amending the existing Zoning Map of the Town of Sharon as follows:

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Lot 2 consists of 34,213.59 +/- square feet of land as shown on the Plan and this Lot 2 shall remain in the Single Residence A District.

NOT CARRIED. Votes in the affirmative 63. Votes in the negative 47. A standing vote.

ARTICLE 39.

VOTED: That the Town abandon and relocate the twenty foot wide drainage easement located on property known as and numbered 140 East Foxboro Street, granted to the Town by deed of Robert F. Muse dated June 20, 1957 recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 3580, Page 67 and shown as "20' Drain Easement" on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Sharon, Mass.," recorded in said Deeds in Book 3580, Page 62. Said easement is to be abandoned and a new easement located approximately nine feet to the south of the easement to be abandoned, in accordance with a plan entitled "Proposed Drainage Easement Plan of Land in Sharon, MA," dated December 12, 2001 prepared by Toomey-Munson & Associates, Inc., a copy of which is on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, or as the exact location may be determined by the Board of Selectmen. And further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept said new easement. It has been determined that the easement area to be abandoned, as shown on said plan, is no longer required for said drainage purposes. **2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR.**

ARTICLE 40.

VOTED: That the Town accept Section 4, Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, and Chapter 380 of the Acts of 2000, which authorizes additional real estate exemptions to be granted to persons who qualify for property tax exemptions under Clauses 17, 17C, 17C1/2, 17D, 17E, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 37, 37A, 41, 41B, 41C and 41D of Section 5 of Chapter 59 in an amount equal to 100 percent, to be effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2003.

VOTED: That the Town adjourn this annual meeting until June 11, 2002 at 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose: If, as a result of a recount vote on the override ballot question with regard to the School Budget, the vote is confirmed in the positive, then this annual meeting will reconvene in this auditorium for the sole purpose of dissolution of this annual meeting. If, as a result of a recount vote on the override ballot question with regard to the School Budget, the vote is declared in the negative, then this annual meeting will reconvene in this auditorium for the sole purpose of reconsideration of the School Budget vote under Article 5.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:47 P.M.

Attendance: 168

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 15, 2002

The Adjourned Annual Town Meeting of May 15, 2002 was adjourned at 11:47 P.M. to reconvene at the Sharon High School, Arthur E. Collins Auditorium on Pond Street on Tuesday, June 11, 2002 at 8:00 P.M. then and there to act on all unfinished business in the Annual Town Warrant of 2002.

Attest:

Marlene B. Chused
Sharon Town Clerk

MAY 16, 2002

This is to certify that I have posted a copy of the above notice in accordance with Town By-Laws.

Joseph S. Bernstein, Constable
Sharon, Massachusetts

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

JUNE 11, 2002

VOTED: That this Annual Town Meeting be dissolved.

MEETING DISSOLVED AT 8:01 P.M.

Attendance: 21

ATTEST:

**MARLENE B. CHUSED
SHARON TOWN CLERK**

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RECAP SHEET									
May 13, 2002									
OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS									
ACCT #	APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	TAX LEVY	FB EXCESS AMBULANCE ALL & ABATE RESERVE	Art 3 STM 11/00 Senior Ctr Design Wilbur Preserv	Art 13 5/01	FREE CASH	CH 90	BORROWING AUTHORIZED
01-114	Moderator	50.00	50.00						
01-122	SELECTMEN	222,706.00	222,706.00						
01-131	FINANCE COMMITTEE	4,380.00	4,380.00						
01-132	RESERVE FUND	420,000.00	20,000.00	400,000.00					
01-135	ACCOUNTANT	176,689.00	176,689.00						
01-141	ASSESSORS	179,521.00	179,521.00						
01-145	TREAS/COLLECTOR	275,919.00	275,919.00						
01-151	LAW	95,000.00	95,000.00						
01-152	PERSONNEL BOARD	3,321.00	3,321.00						
01-155	DATA PROCESSING	134,280.00	134,280.00						
01-161	TOWN CLERK	97,373.00	97,373.00						
01-162	ELECTIONS & REGIS.	85,221.00	85,221.00						
01-171	CONSERVATION	68,375.00	68,375.00						
01-172	LAKE MGMT. COMM.	2,375.00	2,375.00						
01-175	PLANNING BOARD	12,952.00	12,952.00						
01-176	BOARD OF APPEALS	14,778.00	14,778.00						
01-180	DEVEL/IND. COMM.	1.00	1.00						
01-195	TOWN REPORT	10,500.00	10,500.00						
01-199	SIGN COMM.	50.00	50.00						
01-210	POLICE	2,241,817.00	2,241,817.00						
01-220	FIRE	1,257,338.00	1,257,338.00						
01-231	AMBULANCE	399,971.00	99,971.00	300,000.00					
01-244	SEALER OF WEIGHTS	3,683.00	3,683.00						
01-249	ANIMAL INSPECTOR	3,000.00	3,000.00						
01-291	CIVIL DEFENSE	9,000.00	9,000.00						
01-292	ANIMAL CONTROL	48,550.00	48,550.00						
01-300	EDUCATION	10,757.00	10,757.00						
5320	SOUTHEAST. REGIONAL	24,000.00	24,000.00						
5321	VOC. TUITION	26,659,611.00	25,795,978.00				863,633.00		
01-310	EDUCATION	1,854,501.00	1,854,501.00						
01-401	D.P.W.	196,800.00	196,800.00						
01-490	STREET LIGHTING								
01-510	HEALTH DEPT Service & Adm	123,117.00							
	HEALTH DEPT Waste Remova	91,719.00							
	TOTAL HEALTH DEPT		214,836.00						

ACCT #	APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS					FREE CASH	CH.90 BORROWING AUTHORIZED
			TAX LEVY	OVERLAY	AMBULANCE RESERVE	Art 3 STM 11/00 Senior Ctr Design Wilbur Preserv	Art 13.5/01		
01-541	C.O.A.	190,459.00	190,459.00						
01-543	VETERANS	17,177.00	17,177.00						
01-544	VETS. GRAVES	2,640.00	2,640.00						
01-545	COMM. ON DISAB.	500.00	500.00						
01-610	LIBRARY	635,709.00	635,709.00						
01-630	RECREATION	254,765.00	254,765.00						
01-681	HISTORICAL COMM.	150.00	150.00						
01-692	COMM. CELEB.	1,885.00	1,885.00						
01-710	MATURING DEBT	4,720,000.00	4,720,000.00						
01-715	INTEREST	1,864,638.00	1,864,638.00						
01-914	MEDICARE	360,000.00	360,000.00						
01-915	SOCIAL SECURITY	70,000.00	70,000.00						
01-920	INSURANCE	4,159,517.00	4,159,517.00						
28-450	WATER DIV.	1,591,799.00	1,591,799.00						
	UNEMPLOYMENT	50,000.00	50,000.00						
	ANNUAL AUDIT	0.00	0.00						
	RETIREMENT	0.00	0.00						
ARTICLE #5 TOTALS		48,646,594.00	47,082,961.00	400,000.00	300,000.00			863,633.00	
ART 7	NORFOLK CTY RET.	1,153,258.00	1,153,258.00						
ART 8	ANNUAL AUDIT	26,000.00	26,000.00						
ART 9	GASB REQUIREMENTS	30,000.00	30,000.00						
ART 10	RATTLESNAKE HILL APPRAIS	25,000.00	25,000.00						
ART 14	DPW SIDEWALKS	630,000.00							630,000.00
ART 15	SCHOOL PROJECTS 2003	495,000.00							495,000.00
ART 16	WILBER BUILDING	400,000.00				144,359.45	80640.55		175,000.00
ART 17	SOFTWARE/HARDWARE	285,000.00							285,000.00
ART 18	DPW EQUIPMENT	164,000.00							164,000.00
ART 19	COMMUNITY CTR REPAIRS	97,500.00							97,500.00

		OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS								
ACCT #	APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	TAX LEVY	OVERLAY RESERVE	AMBULANCE RESERVE	Art 3 STM Senior Ctr Design	Art 13 5/01 Wilbur Preserv	FREE CASH	CH 90	BORROWING AUTHORIZED
ART 20	POLICE DEPT EQUIPMENT	60,000.00								60,000.00
ART 21	COA EQUIPMENT	56,000.00								56,000.00
ART 22	FIRE DEPT EQUIPMENT	28,600.00								28,600.00
ART 33	TRANSPORTATION BOND	302,153.53							302,153.53	
	INCLUDING BORROWING	52,399,105.53	48,317,219.00	400,000.00	300,000.00	144,359.45	80,640.55	863,633.00	302,153.53	1,991,100.00
	MINUS BORROWING	1,991,100.00								
	TOTAL NET RAISED/APPR.	50,408,005.53								

RECOUNT OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION - MAY 7, 2002
 QUESTION NO. 1
 JUNE 6, 2002

A recount of the Annual Town Election of May 7, 2002 Question No. 1 was called at the Sharon High School Gymnasium at 10:12 A.M. on June 6, 2002. Registrars present were as follows: Marlene B. Chused, Anne M. Carney, George B. Bailey and Ronald Rogers. The following workers were sworn: Pat Zlotin, Phillip Chapman, Lynne Callanan, Mollie Sonion, Diane Curtis, Barry Zlotin, Mildred Worthley, Marcia Shapiro, Susan Slater, Iris Lovett, Marie Cuneo, Mitchell Curtis, Eleanor Herburger, Virginia Karelitz, Robert Hall, Shelley Hatch, Diane Donovan, Teri Spevock, Dorothy Kaufman and Morton Kaufman. Also present were Town Counsel Dick Gelerman and Paul Fitzgerald.

The results were read at 11:49 a.m. By Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused as follows:

QUESTION NO. 1

"Shall the Town of Sharon be allowed to assess an additional \$3,880,000 in Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes for the public schools, for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2002?"

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
YES	534	712	713	534	489	2,982
NO	646	575	596	518	637	2,972
Blanks	4	6	5	2	9	26

SEPTEMBER STATE PRIMARY

SEPTEMBER 17, 2002

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrants of August 20, 2002 and September 3, 2002 the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in elections, met in the Sharon High School Gymnasium at 7:00 A.M., Tuesday, September 17, 2002. The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused who read the call and return of the warrant. The warden for the election was Lynne M. Callanan. The wardens for precincts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were named as follows: Edna Walden, Barbara Testa, Marilyn Lamb, Shirley Schofield and Patricia Zlotin. Clerks and workers were: Ruth Grandberg, Doris Grahm, Eleanor Herburger, Lorraine Forman, Iris Lovett, Diane Donovan, Teri Spevock, Virginia Karelitz, Susan Slater, Frances Darrow, Helen Bouffard, Gertrude Leonard, Irene Scott, Sylvia Namyet, Mildred Worthley, Herbert Pozner, Betty Ann De Cesare, Barry Zlotin, Jim Testa, Phil Chapman, Joseph Petrosky, Morton Kaufman, Assistant Town Clerk Beth A. Kourafas. The ballot boxes were shown to be empty and registered zero. The ballot boxes were locked and the keys delivered to Officer of the Day, John J. McGrath. All election officers were sworn.

At 8:05 P.M. the polls were declared closed. Total votes were as follows:

Precinct	Democrat	Republican	Libertarian	Green	Total
1	663	105	0	2	770
2	604	124	0	0	728
3	612	142	0	0	754
4	489	115	0	0	604
5	566	148	1	0	715
Total	2,934	634	1	2	3,571

The ballots were canvassed according to the law by an OPTECH III-P Eagle Precinct Tabulator. Results were transcribed on summary sheets and declaration was made by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused at 8:14 P.M. as follows:

	DEMOCRAT					
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
SENATOR IN CONGRESS						
John F. Kerry	591	531	545	432	498	2,597
Write-In	0	2	3	0	6	11
Blanks	72	71	64	57	62	326
GOVERNOR						
Thomas F. Birmingham	76	79	76	53	66	350
Steven Grossman	4	9	7	3	5	28
Shannon P. O'Brien	201	168	152	145	178	844
Robert B. Reich	281	268	285	214	242	1,290
Warren E. Tolman	99	73	86	72	71	401
Write-In	1	0	0	0	2	3
Blanks	1	7	6	2	2	18
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR						
Christopher F. Gabrieli	200	165	145	153	157	820
Lois G. Pines	324	327	350	238	274	1,513
John P. Slattery	77	53	54	54	83	321
Write-In	1	1	1	0	0	3
Blanks	61	58	62	44	52	277

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
ATTORNEY GENERAL						
Thomas F. Reilly	505	465	487	377	435	2,269
Write-In	2	0	3	0	3	8
Blanks	156	139	122	112	128	657
SECRETARY OF STATE						
William Francis Galvin	487	447	462	365	418	2,179
Write-In	2	0	2	1	1	6
Blanks	174	157	148	123	147	749
TREASURER						
Michael P. Cahill	33	26	31	34	32	156
Timothy P. Cahill	219	180	201	176	195	971
Stephen J. Murphy	34	44	38	33	32	181
James W. Segel	276	274	249	174	223	1,196
Write-In	1	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	100	80	93	72	84	429
AUDITOR						
A. Joseph DeNucci	458	423	422	339	396	2,038
Write-In	2	0	1	0	1	4
Blanks	203	181	189	150	169	892
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FOURTH DISTRICT						
Barney Frank	586	538	563	432	492	2,611
Write-In	2	0	3	1	5	11
Blanks	75	66	46	56	69	312
COUNCILLOR SECOND DISTRICT						
Kelly A. Timilty	261	242	243	209	254	1,209
Chesley Oriol	37	37	46	37	38	195
Kerby Roberson	89	87	94	58	73	401
Write-In	1	0	1	0	3	5
Blanks	275	238	228	185	198	1,124
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT BRISTOL & NORFOLK DISTRICT						
Brian A. Joyce	10	-	-	0	0	10
Write-In	65	-	-	49	71	185
Blanks	588	-	-	440	495	1,523
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT						
Brian A. Joyce	-	405	385	-	-	790
Peri J. O'Connor	-	148	160	-	-	308
Write-In	-	0	0	-	-	0
Blanks	-	51	67	-	-	118
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT EIGHTH NORFOLK DISTRICT						
Louis L. Kafka	569	519	541	396	474	2,499
Write-In	2	0	1	2	1	6
Blanks	92	85	70	91	91	429
DISTRICT ATTORNEY NORFOLK DISTRICT						
William R. Keating	584	538	552	414	484	2,572
Write-In	1	0	1	0	3	5
Blanks	78	66	59	75	79	357

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
REGISTER OF PROBATE NORFOLK COUNTY						
Patrick W. McDermott	188	141	161	141	169	800
Mark H. Tobin	227	265	238	183	209	1,122
Write-In	2	1	0	0	1	4
Blanks	246	197	213	165	187	1,008
COUNTY TREASURER NORFOLK COUNTY						
Joseph A. Connolly	95	119	100	86	106	506
Michael J. Joyce	239	189	203	185	212	1,028
Thomas P. Koch	99	91	97	70	87	444
Write-In	1	1	1	1	1	5
Blanks	229	204	211	147	160	951
COUNTY COMMISSIONER NORFOLK COUNTY						
Peter H. Collins	387	374	364	295	355	1,775
Write-In	2	0	5	1	2	10
Blanks	274	230	243	193	209	1,149
REPUBLICAN						
SENATOR IN CONGRESS						
Write-In	5	10	9	9	8	41
Blanks	100	114	133	106	140	593
GOVERNOR						
Mitt Romney	93	102	120	100	134	549
Write-In	1	0	0	2	0	3
Blanks	11	22	22	13	14	82
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR						
Kerry Murphy Healey	64	71	79	67	87	368
Jim Rappaport	39	51	61	46	61	258
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	2	2	2	2	0	8
ATTORNEY GENERAL						
Write-In	6	7	5	3	2	23
Blanks	99	117	137	112	146	611
SECRETARY OF STATE						
Jack E. Robinson, III	47	51	58	57	56	269
Write-In	2	1	1	1	2	7
Blanks	56	72	83	57	90	358
TREASURER						
Daniel A. Grabauskas	55	40	50	31	52	228
Bruce A. Herzfelder	32	51	55	51	58	247
Write-In	0	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	18	33	37	32	38	158
AUDITOR						
Write-In	4	4	3	3	2	16
Blanks	101	120	139	112	146	618
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FOURTH DISTRICT						
Write-In	3	4	5	4	4	20
Blanks	102	120	137	111	144	614

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
COUNCILLOR SECOND DISTRICT						
Write-In	3	4	3	1	2	13
Blanks	102	120	139	114	146	621
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT BRISTOL & NORFOLK DISTRICT						
Jo Ann Sprague	74	-	-	92	110	276
Write-In	1	-	-	0	0	1
Blanks	30	-	-	23	38	91
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT						
Write-In	-	4	3	-	-	7
Blanks	-	120	139	-	-	259
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT EIGHTH NORFOLK DISTRICT						
Write-In	2	4	3	2	2	13
Blanks	103	120	139	113	146	621
DISTRICT ATTORNEY NORFOLK DISTRICT						
Write-In	2	4	5	2	3	16
Blanks	103	120	137	113	145	618
REGISTER OF PROBATE NORFOLK COUNTY						
Richard P. Schmidt	52	61	71	62	77	323
Write-In	1	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	52	63	71	53	71	310
COUNTY TREASURER NORFOLK COUNTY						
Write-In	3	5	4	2	2	16
Blanks	102	119	138	113	146	618
COUNTY COMMISSIONER NORFOLK COUNTY						
Write-In	2	4	3	2	1	12
Blanks	103	120	139	113	147	622
LIBERTARIAN						
SENATOR IN CONGRESS						
Michael E. Cloud	0	0	0	0	1	1
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0
GOVERNOR						
Carla A. Howell	0	0	0	0	1	1
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR						
Richard P. Aucoin	0	0	0	0	1	1
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0
ATTORNEY GENERAL						
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	1	1

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
SECRETARY OF STATE						
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	1	1
TREASURER						
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	1	1
AUDITOR						
Kamal Jain	0	0	0	0	1	1
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FOURTH DISTRICT						
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	1	1
COUNCILLOR SECOND DISTRICT						
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	1	1
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT BRISTOL & NORFOLK DISTRICT						
Write-In	0	-	-	0	0	0
Blanks	0	-	-	0	1	1
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT						
Write-In	-	0	0	-	-	0
Blanks	-	0	0	-	-	0
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT EIGHTH NORFOLK DISTRICT						
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	1	1
DISTRICT ATTORNEY NORFOLK DISTRICT						
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	1	1
REGISTER OF PROBATE NORFOLK COUNTY						
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	1	1
COUNTY TREASURER NORFOLK COUNTY						
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	1	1
COUNTY COMMISSIONER NORFOLK COUNTY						
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	1	1
GREEN						
SENATOR IN CONGRESS						
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	2	0	0	0	0	2

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
GOVERNOR						
Jill E. Stein	2	0	0	0	0	2
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR						
Anthony F. Lorenzen	2	0	0	0	0	2
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0
ATTORNEY GENERAL						
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	2	0	0	0	0	2
SECRETARY OF STATE						
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	2	0	0	0	0	2
TREASURER						
James O'Keefe	2	0	0	0	0	2
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0
AUDITOR						
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	2	0	0	0	0	2
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FOURTH DISTRICT						
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	2	0	0	0	0	2
COUNCILLOR						
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	2	0	0	0	0	2
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT BRISTOL & NORFOLK DISTRICT						
Write-In	0	-	-	0	0	0
Blanks	2	-	-	0	0	2
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT						
Write-In	-	0	0	-	0	0
Blanks	-	0	0	-	0	0
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT EIGHTH NORFOLK DISTRICT						
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	2	0	0	0	0	2
DISTRICT ATTORNEY NORFOLK DISTRICT						
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	2	0	0	0	0	2
REGISTER OF PROBATE NORFOLK COUNTY						
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	2	0	0	0	0	2

COUNTY TREASURER NORFOLK COUNTY

Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	2	0	0	0	0	2

COUNTY COMMISSIONER NORFOLK COUNTY

Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total registered voters: 12,137

Percent Voting: 30%

Absentee: 66

Total Votes: 3,571

**RECOUNT OF STATE PRIMARY - SEPTEMBER 17, 2002
COUNTY TREASURER NORFOLK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC BALLOT
SEPTEMBER 30, 2002**

A recount of the State Primary of September 17, 2002 Norfolk County Treasurer Democratic ballot was called at the Sharon Town Hall on Monday, September 30, 2002. Registrars present were as follows: Marlene B. Chused, Anne M. Carney and Ronald Rogers. The following workers were sworn: Pat Zlotin, Susan Slater, Barry Zlotin, Virginia Karelitz, Robert Hall, Shirley Schofield and Assistant Town Clerk Beth A. Kourafas. Also present was Police Officer Jeff Penders.

The results were read at 12:45 A.M. by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused as follows:

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
Joseph A. Connolly	95	120	101	86	106	508
Michael A. Joyce	238	192	200	185	212	1027
Thomas P. Koch	99	95	93	70	87	444
Write-In	1	0	0	1	1	3
Blanks	230	205	210	147	160	952

STATE ELECTION

NOVEMBER 5, 2002

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of October 22, 2002, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in elections, met in the Sharon High School Gymnasium at 7:00 A.M., Tuesday, November 5, 2002. The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused who read the call and return of the warrant. The warden for the election was Lynne M. Callanan. The wardens for Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were named as follows: Edna Walden, Barbara Testa, Marilyn Lamb, Shirley Schofield and Pat Zlotin. Clerks and workers were: Ruth Grandberg, Ellen Mirson, Doris Grahn, Shelley Hatch, Eleanor Herburger, Betty Ann DeCesare, Lorraine Forman, Robert Hall, Nancy Welch, Ann Loiselle, Diane Donovan, Phil Chapman, Teri Spevock, Carolann Bernstein, Virginia Karelitz, Roberta Wasif, Susan Slater, Marilyn Kahn, Frances Darrow, Elise Popkin, Helen Bouffard, Linda Lyons, Gertrude Leonard, Gail Snyderman, Dorothy Kaufman, Irene Scott, Elaine Shriber, Sharon Grahn, Judy Silverman, Sylvia Namyet, Herb Silverman, Hy Lamb, Mildred Worthley, Mollie Sonion, Herbert Pozner, Abraham Heitin, Jim Testa, Barry Zlotin, Joseph Petrosky, Morton Kaufman and Beth A. Kourafas, Assistant Town Clerk. The ballot boxes were shown to be empty and registered zero; the ballot boxes were locked and the keys delivered to Officer of the Day John J. McGrath. All election officers and workers were sworn.

At 8:09 P.M. the polls were declared closed. Total votes were as follows: Precinct 1 - 1571; Precinct 2 - 1597; Precinct 3 - 1645; Precinct 4 - 1481; Precinct 5 - 1584. Total votes cast - 7,878. Absentee ballots cast 384.

The ballots were canvassed according to law by an OPTECH III-P Eagle Precinct Ballot Tabulator. Results were transcribed on summary sheets and declaration was made by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused at 8:23 P.M. as follows:

	Precincts					Totals
	1	2	3	4	5	
SENATOR IN CONGRESS						
JOHN F. KERRY	1,253	1,291	1,326	1,153	1,218	6,241
MICHAEL E. CLOUD	189	200	194	208	237	1,028
RANDALL CAROLINE FORSBERG	25	10	17	15	25	92
WRITE-IN.	2	9	10	6	3	30
Blanks	102	87	98	99	101	487
GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR						
HOWELL and AUCOIN	17	10	17	18	16	78
O'BRIEN and GABRIELI	846	680	714	742	738	3,720
ROMNEY and HEALEY	609	821	818	655	734	3,637
STEIN and LORENZEN	76	62	80	43	73	334
JOHNSON and SCHEBEL	5	12	5	9	3	34
WRITE-IN.	2	3	1	1	3	10
Blanks	16	9	10	13	17	65

ATTORNEY GENERAL						
THOMAS F. REILLY	1,208	1,196	1,243	1,123	1,152	5,922
WRITE-IN.	8	11	13	13	12	57
Blanks	355	390	389	345	420	1,899
SECRETARY OF STATE						
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN	1,203	1,190	1,201	1,081	1,181	5,856
JACK E. ROBINSON, III	247	260	301	262	269	1,339
WRITE-IN.	0	4	1	2	1	8
Blanks	121	143	142	136	133	675
TREASURER						
TIMOTHY P. CAHILL	889	842	907	817	863	4,318
DANIEL A. GRABASKAS	470	539	528	472	522	2,531
JAMES O'KEEFE	101	70	92	71	87	421
WRITE-IN.	0	4	0	1	1	6
Blanks	111	142	118	120	111	602
AUDITOR						
A. JOSEPH DeNUCCI	1,139	1,100	1,166	1,045	1,095	5,545
KAMAL JAIN	72	78	75	88	88	401
JOHN JAMES XENAKIS	146	171	158	137	173	785
WRITE-IN.	1	3	1	2	0	7
Blanks	213	245	245	209	228	1,140
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FOURTH						
BARNEY FRANK	1,274	1,308	1,361	1,188	1,220	6,351
WRITE-IN.	22	23	19	15	21	100
Blanks	275	266	265	278	343	1,427
COUNCILLOR SECOND DISTRICT						
KELLY A. TIMILTY	1,107	1,107	1,144	999	1,058	5,415
WRITE-IN.	10	14	11	8	10	53
Blanks	454	476	490	474	516	2,410
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT BRISTOL & NORFOLK DISTRICT						
JO ANN SPRAGUE	1,116	-	-	1,018	1,118	3,252
WRITE-IN.	11	-	-	12	10	33
Blanks	444	-	-	451	456	1,351
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT						
BRIAN A. JOYCE	-	1,167	1,204	-	-	2,371
WRITE-IN.	-	13	12	-	-	25
Blanks	-	417	429	-	-	846

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT EIGHTH NORFOLK DISTRICT						
LOUIS L. KAFKA	1,291	1,299	1,358	1,177	1,226	6,351
WRITE-IN.	8	10	8	12	10	48
Blanks	272	288	279	292	348	1,479
DISTRICT ATTORNEY NORFOLK DISTRICT						
WILLIAM R. KEATING	1,349	1,344	1,373	1,216	1,291	6,573
WRITE-IN.	7	9	6	8	8	38
Blanks	215	244	266	257	285	1,267
REGISTER OF PROBATE NORFOLK COUNTY						
PATRICK W. McDERMOTT	935	851	846	830	875	4,337
RICHARD P. SCHMIDT	394	423	509	396	449	2,171
WRITE-IN.	0	4	2	1	0	7
Blanks	242	319	288	254	260	1,363
COUNTY TREASURER NORFOLK COUNTY						
JOSEPH A. CONNOLLY	1,097	1,071	1,126	995	1,027	5,316
WRITE-IN.	5	13	7	7	8	40
Blanks	469	513	512	479	549	2,522
COUNTY COMMISSIONER NORFOLK COUNTY						
PETER H. COLLINS	1,056	1,031	1,084	956	990	5,117
WRITE-IN.	4	12	8	8	6	38
Blanks	511	554	553	517	588	2,723
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE						
SOUTHEASTERN (4 YEARS) BROCKTON						
WAYNE E. McCALLISTER.	897	917	977	848	869	4,508
WRITE-IN.	5	5	6	5	8	29
Blanks	669	675	662	628	707	3,341
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE						
SOUTHEASTERN (4 YEARS) EAST						
ERIC W. GREENE.	904	901	959	847	862	4,473
WRITE-IN.	5	4	5	4	9	27
Blanks	662	692	681	630	713	3,378
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE						
SOUTHEASTERN (4 YEARS) EASTON						
RALPH ARMSTEAD.	870	892	937	815	862	4,376
WRITE-IN.	6	3	5	2	6	22
Blanks	695	702	703	664	716	3,480

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE						
SOUTHEASTERN (4 YEARS) STOUGHTON						
GEORGE E. EICHORN	862	898	937	820	848	4,365
WRITE-IN.	6	3	5	3	5	22
Blanks	703	696	703	658	731	3,491
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE						
SOUTHEASTERN (4 YEARS) WEST						
EUGENE KOSTECKI	844	869	917	801	833	4,264
WRITE-IN.	7	3	6	3	8	27
Blanks	720	725	722	677	743	3,587
QUESTION 1 LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION - Eliminating State Personal Income Tax						
YES	499	620	627	558	625	2,929
NO.	927	795	850	773	834	4,179
Blanks	145	182	168	150	125	770
QUESTION 2 LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION - English Language Education in Public						
YES	946	1,037	1,108	900	1,054	5,045
NO.	582	504	487	521	489	2,583
Blanks	43	56	50	60	41	250
QUESTION 3 THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING B Taxpayer Funding for Political Campaigns						
YES	602	497	503	436	533	2,621
NO.	886	1,013	1,049	908	984	4,840
Blanks	83	87	93	87	67	417

Total Registered Voters: 12,215
Percent Voting: 64%
Absentee Ballots: 384

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Allen M. Garf, Chair
Norman Katz
Walter "Joe" Roach

Benjamin E. Puritz, Town Administrator
Katherine A. Byrne, Administrative Secretary
Linda V. Morse, Part-time Secretary to the Board

The May election saw Walter "Joe" Roach reelected to the Board of Selectmen. Following the annual election, as, is custom, the Board reorganized and voted Allen M. Garf Chair, and, Norman Katz, Clerk of the Board.

The enormous traumas of 2001 continued to reverberate through the year 2002 in both obvious and subtle ways. Vulnerability to terrorism affected the psyche of the country as the economy sputtered through a recession cycle adversely impacting the State's financial condition. With reduced State Aid growth and rapidly growing health insurance program costs, the Town was confronted with lower operating budget resources which necessitated reduced staffing in the Police, Public Works (Town Engineer, Forestry & Grounds) Tax Collector, and Data Processing departments. During this difficult period of economic constriction, Town employees continued to strive to provide a high level of services, notwithstanding the reduction of 4.5 positions, while the Town partially offset the loss of budget capacity through increased use of fees and charges in accordance with statutory and/or regulatory authority.

Notable Town events or activities which occurred in 2002 included:

I Fiscal and Operational

- Voters by a margin of 12 votes approved a \$3.88 million Proposition 2 ½ override for the School budget while rejecting a combined \$618,106 ballot question for general government, Health Department's additional funding and a \$35,000 request for the Public Library. As a result of the above, the average property tax bill increased about \$1,000 and the Library was forced to close on Sundays.
- Adoption of the Community Preservation Act via a ballot question at the May election was defeated by a narrow margin for the second time.
- State Environmental Bond Act included a \$12 million funding allocation for the acquisition of Rattlesnake Hill, a 337-acre parcel located off Mountain Street, for open space

preservation addition to Borderland State Park. At this point in time, the State has committed \$100,000 for a land-use analysis comprehensive appraisal of the property.

- Selectmen voted to support the concept of increasing Stabilization Fund assets with specific amounts recommended for this purpose to be determined yearly considering the Town's fiscal situation, impact on operating budgets, etc.
- Transition to town-owned streets lights was successful realizing \$60,000 savings per year and improved maintenance service responsiveness.
- Senior Citizen Property Tax Relief Task Force was formed and actively pursued options to present to the May 2003 Annual Meeting to reduce tax impacts for economically-limited seniors.
- Twenty-three seniors provided 1,300 hours of valuable services through the Town's property tax reduction program at various departments including the Selectmen's Office, School Department, Library, Fire Department, Disabilities Commission, Department of Public Works, Board of Assessors, Town Clerk, and Council on Aging.
- Redistricting by the State legislature placed Precincts 2 & 3 in a different Senate District thereby causing Sharon to be represented by two State Senators: JoAnn Sprague for Precincts 1,4, 5 and Brian Joyce for Precincts 2 & 3.
- Participation in the Southeastern Regional Services procurement program continued with savings in office and DPW supplies of \$ 74,025.

Based on current economic indicators it appears inevitable that the Town will be faced with formidable financial challenges for the foreseeable upcoming period. Please be assured, that consistent with responsible financial management practices, of the Board of Selectmen's ongoing resolve to provide essential and quality of life services to the community as we confront the difficult financial situation affecting both the private and public sectors.

II. Community Participation and Cooperation with Other Departments

- Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan prepared by the Town's Local Emergency Planning Committee, chaired by Fire Chief Dennis Mann, was updated and fully certified by the State. Michael Polimer, was appointed Civil Defense Director, succeeding Bernard Rosenberg, who passed away after ably and dedicatedly serving the Town in this capacity

for 29 years. Donations in Bernie's memory may be sent to the Sharon Public Safety Support Fund c/o Board of Selectmen's Office, Town Offices, Sharon MA 02067.

- Sharon was again designated a "No Place for Hate Community" in recognition of diversity and tolerance advocacy programs promoted by the Affirming Diversity Committee. Related efforts and objectives were also pursued by the Community Youth Coalition and by the privately-funded Sharon Teen Center, which opened its new facility this year, staffed with a professionally qualified Program Director, at Sharon Center Plaza.
- Townofsharon.net, the Town's web page became fully operational providing a wide range of information from meeting minutes, program offerings, community events, youth sports schedules and league standings.
- Received preliminary Government Study Committee recommendations regarding streamlining and making Town Meeting more user friendly. Additional recommendations relative to form of governance and random warrant article sequencing are expected to be presented by the Committee at the May Annual Town Meeting.
- Joined other town boards and committees in efforts to develop a format and process leading to a Comprehensive Long Term Strategic Plan. This undertaking began late in the year and, therefore, was at a formative stage when this report was prepared. Ongoing interdepartmental cooperation and collection of information and analysis, relative to this subject, are anticipated during the upcoming year.
- Staff from various departments participated in the annual Employee Development Day which included a "historic bus tour" with insightful commentary provided by Jean Santos and Shirley Schofield of the Historical Society, visit to the Society's museum and walking history tour of Borderland Park.
- Reviewed the concept of consolidating building maintenance functions of general government and the school system previously examined in 1993. While there is almost universal agreement that such a restructuring would improve the delivery of services, funding considerations remain to be addressed.
- Executed a ten-year cable television license renewal with AT&T/Comcast with favorable provisions regarding funding for Sharon Community Television.
- Conversion implementation of an integrated municipal-school system software program (MUNIS) funded by Town meeting is well underway.

- First outdoor seating liquor license was issued to Coriander Bistro located in Post Office Square.
- Received a payment of \$18,980.00 based on 1,834 tons of recycled material, through the Town's participation in the Mass Recycling Incentive Program (MRIP).
- "Royalty of Rock 'n Roll All-Stars," a nine-piece band, and "Four on the Floor" brought Doo-Wop revival and hard driving blues to "Square Jam," Sharon's annual summer improvisational event, to a packed Post Office Square.

III. Planning, Environmental and Facility Improvements and Ongoing Projects

- Wilber School Re-use renovation for Library-Senior Center-Town Administrative Offices preliminary design and refined costs estimates services' contract was awarded to STV Inc., by the Standing Building Committee. Monitoring of building stabilization measures to prevent surface water infiltration indicate a successful result, thereby preserving the viability of renovating the structure within an estimated three to five-year time period. As was noted in Final Feasibility Report (August 2002) conclusion: "... the re-use of the Wilber School for Town Administration, Library, and Senior Center along with the relocation of the School Administration in the existing Library is very viable. The Wilber School is ideally located in the center of Sharon on the main street and is currently a detriment to the Town's image. Renovation and re-use of the building will provide attractive efficient space for users and is a logical extension of the Town's downtown revitalization. The proposed users are complimentary (particularly the Library and Senior Center) and the ability to share common space enhances efficiency."
- Depot Street Bridge replacement project was completed and dedicated to Daniel J. Dabreau, who gave his life in service to this country during the Vietnam War.
- Housing Certification pursuant to Executive Order 418 was granted to the Town for the period ending June 30, 2003. Due to this certification, Sharon will receive priority for discretionary grant funds covered by the Executive Order as the Town has successfully demonstrated it is taking steps to increase the supply of housing for individuals and families across a broad range of incomes.
- Proposal to construct 250 homes (183 attached, 67 detached single family) on the 337-acre Rattlesnake Hill property, located off Mountain Street, was submitted under a "Comprehensive Permit" filing to the Zoning Board of Appeals

(ZBA), which began the hearings process in July. The Town received a \$10,000 technical assistance grant, with regard to the above application, through which the ZBA retained expert consultant services to assist in its review of this complex proposal. Additionally, a number of other so called "40B" comprehensive permit applications were pending and in various stages of review before the Appeals Board or State funding agencies.

- Action was deferred regarding proposed high pressure/storage tank water system improvements. The Water Department is re-evaluating demand forecasts computer model simulations and prioritizing other program components (i.e., new source explorations, evaluation of existing wells, pipe replacements etc.) in formulating a multi-year improvement plan for voter consideration. Outside watering restrictions were tightened as the season progressed; and at its most stringent, limited watering to a total of four hours per week, including no weekend use. Once again, citizen compliance was instrumental in managing both overall consumption and peak demand thereby assuring adequate fire fighting reserves.
- Main Street improvements' five-million dollar funding commitment was received from the State in September. This project, which includes reconstruction of five miles of road and, in the Post Office Square portion, 100 street trees, 300 shrubs, 80 period-style lights, street furniture upgrades etc., is scheduled to begin construction during the coming summer.
- Grant award offer for \$250,000 from the State Division of Conservation Services was received to assist in development of passive and active recreation facilities at the former Mountain Street landfill property. Preliminary plans for this proposed recreation area include athletic fields for baseball, soccer/football, lacrosse, children's play areas, walking, hiking, jogging paths, dog play area, and landscaping aesthetic improvements. Approval to utilize remaining landfill closure funds to fulfill State grant match requirements will be presented to the upcoming Annual Town Meeting.
- Memorial Park Beach stabilization project Phase I providing shoreline tree wells/seal walls, landscaping enhancements, and improved disabled access was completed through a combination of Town funding (\$50,000) and a \$25,000 State grant. Accomplishments to date and planning for subsequent phases is in large measure due to volunteer landscape designer Amanda Sloan's and Recreation Director David I. Clifton's unstinting commitment to seeing this project become a reality. Further progress regarding the adjacent Beech Tree Park site including removal of invasive plants,

planting of 600 daffodil bulbs, and beginning of path layout was realized thanks to the perseverance and creativity of the volunteer committee providing leadership to this privately-funded, community beautification effort. Also related to Lake Massapoag, the noxious "Fanwort" was subjected to an intensive series of control measures, through the cooperative efforts of the DPW, Lake Management Study Committee and Conservation Commission, which, subject to ongoing monitoring, appears to have eradicated this highly problematic alien vegetation. Progress was also evident regarding discouraging and uninviting large Canada Geese flocks from congregating and thus "fouling" Town beaches and lake waters. Credit in this regard goes to Border Collie "Rex," the wonder dog, and the Recreation Department for receiving a grant of \$1,500 from "Geese Peace", an organization committed to employing nonviolent humanitarian measures to manage nuisance geese populations.

- Use "conversion" of approximately three acres of Deborah Sampson Park property to allow for potential future siting of indoor athletic facilities (i.e., gymnasium/aquatics center) neared final approval from the Federal National Park Service; the last action in a multi-step process involving Town meeting, State legislature, State Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, and state/federal environmental impact statement filings. To offset the change from parkland, a State conservation restriction was placed on the Mansfield Street, King Philips Rock 91-acre open-space parcel recently acquired by the Town. The athletic fields section of Deborah Sampson Park was the recipient of a new "much improved" concession stand "Snack Shack," made possible through substantial funding and volunteer services from Sharon Youth Baseball/Softball Association, Southeastern Vocational Technical School, Bill Croteau (architect), Amanda Sloan (landscaping), and Alan Waterson (septic system). Town funding (\$25,000) and DPW forces were also important contributors to this beautiful addition to the Park. Another prime example of private/public partnership was the installation of new apparatus and related safety improvements at the Dr. Walter A. Griffen Playground made possible by the collaboration of funding and resources coordinated by Steve Savaran through the "New Friends of the Playground," and the Recreation and Public Works departments.
- Annual Household Hazardous Waste Control Drop-off day, as always, evidenced a high level participation and citizen environmental responsibility, as 422 vehicles were tallied driven by residents disposing materials which filled forty one 55-gallon drums in addition to electronic, automotive and mercury collections destined for proper disposal in accordance with environmental regulations.

The Board of Selectmen's goals and objectives are periodically reviewed and updated at its meetings. Citizen input and participation are both welcomed and encouraged with respect to the above or other subjects and may be directed to the Selectmen's Office or to any Board member. Finally and most important, the Board wishes to express its gratitude to residents who have generously served their community during 2002. Their invaluable assistance is greatly appreciated and relied upon in our efforts to best serve the Town's interest.

TOWN CLERK

MARLENE B. CHUSED - TOWN CLERK
 BETH A. KOURAFAS - ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK
 LYNNE M. CALLANAN - SECRETARY

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS RECORDED

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
MALE	82	83	96	78
FEMALE	89	76	90	80
TOTAL	171	159	186	158

MARRIAGES RECORDED

61	61	48	69
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DEATHS RECORDED

MALE	55	60	60	55
FEMALE	66	58	52	42
TOTAL	121	118	112	97

2002 POPULATION 17,988

VOTER REGISTRATION

REGISTRARS: GEORGE B. BAILEY, ANNE M. CARNEY,
 MARLENE B. CHUSED, RONALD P. ROGERS

Prec.	Democrat	Green Party USA	Inter. 3 rd	Lib.	Mass Green	Reform	Republican	Unenrolled	Total
1	1015	0	1	10	1	0	228	1227	2482
2	843	0	1	6	1	3	218	1355	2427
3	845	0	1	3	4	0	260	1394	2507
4	775	2	2	5	2	1	224	1283	2294
5	763	2	1	10	2	0	273	1454	2505
TOTAL	4241	4	6	34	10	4	1203	6713	12215

TOWN OF SHARON
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

	Governmental Fund Types		Capital	Proprietary	Fiduciary	Account	Total
	General	Special	Projects	Fund Type	Fund Type	Group	Memorandum
		Revenue		Enterprise	Trust &	Long-Term	
					Agency	Debt	
Assets							
Cash	16,589,634.83	4,447,875.66	1,397.50		1,173,738.13		22,212,646.12
Petty Cash	150.00						150.00
Receivables:							
Real Estate	509,395.32						509,395.32
Personal Property	17,346.61						17,346.61
Tax liens and foreclosures	935,297.49						935,297.49
Tax Title receivable		17,022.50					17,022.50
Water charges receivable							
Ambulance liens		118,771.67					118,771.67
Water liens		4,177.27					4,177.27
Betterments							
Motor Vehicle excise & other excise	145,485.25						145,485.25
Departmental & other		521,445.72					521,445.72
Intergovernmental							
Allowance for abatements & exemptions	(828,309.46)						(828,309.46)
Due from State		1,147,988.08					1,147,988.08
Bonds Authorized						15,019,653.00	15,019,653.00
Bonds Authorized/Unissued						(15,019,653.00)	
Amount to be provided for payment of long-term obligations						38,449,128.00	38,449,128.00
Total Assets	17,369,000.04	6,257,280.90	1,397.50	0	1,173,738.13	38,449,128.00	63,250,544.57

TOWN OF SHARON
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

	Governmental Fund Types		Capital Projects	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Total
	General	Special Revenue		Enterprise	Agency	Long-Term Debt	Memorandum
Revenues							
Property Taxes	30,376,517.10						30,376,517.10
Excise Taxes	2,532,720.69						2,532,720.69
Other Taxes	99,731.00						99,731.00
Tax Liens Redeemed	195,547.70						164,604.03
Penalties & Interest	164,604.03						10,397.69
In Lieu of Taxes	10,397.69						283,876.41
Licenses and Permits	283,876.41						121,620.87
Fees	121,620.87						49,587.02
Departmental	49,587.02						93,729.53
Fines	93,729.53						9,684,355.59
Intergovernmental - State	8,418,359.35	1,265,996.24					588,118.07
Intergovernmental - Federal		588,118.07					11,260.01
User Charges	11,260.01				5,478,858.40		10,918,929.94
Other	628,737.62	4,811,333.92			<u>5,478,858.40</u>		55,130,995.65
Total	<u>42,986,689.02</u>	<u>6,665,448.23</u>	-				
Expenditures							
General Government	1,531,059.98	9,174.73	722,477.50		4,529,407.18		6,792,119.39
Public Safety	4,154,586.31	59,215.42					4,213,801.73
Education	28,915,955.62	3,355,979.17			373,865.19		32,645,799.98
Public Works	3,499,940.00	1,837,951.23			694,585.18		6,032,476.41
Human Services	445,018.89	20,607.43					465,626.32
Culture & Recreation	1,119,630.15	171,885.18					1,291,515.33
Debt Service	5,244,236.77						5,244,236.77
Intergovernmental	713,309.00						713,309.00
Non-departmental	4,957,371.69						4,957,371.69
Total	<u>50,581,108.41</u>	<u>5,454,813.16</u>	<u>722,477.50</u>		<u>5,597,857.55</u>		62,356,256.62

Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	(7,594,419.39)	1,210,635.07	(722,477.50)	(118,999.15)	(7,225,260.97)
Other Financing Sources					
Proceeds from Borrowing	12,975,000.00		725,000.00		13,700,000.00
Transfers In	294,377.61	44,045.37		100,000.00	438,422.98
Transfers Out	(100,000.00)	(294,377.61)		(44,045.37)	(438,422.98)
Total	<u>13,169,377.61</u>	<u>(250,332.24)</u>	<u>725,000.00</u>	<u>55,954.63</u>	<u>13,700,000.00</u>
Excess of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other uses	5,574,958.22	960,302.83	2,522.50	(63,044.52)	6,474,739.03
Beginning Fund Equity	<u>9,104,667.90</u>	<u>3,396,444.87</u>	<u>(1,125.00)</u>	<u>1,167,624.33</u>	<u>13,667,612.10</u>
Ending Fund Equity	<u>14,679,626.12</u>	<u>4,356,747.70</u>	<u>1,397.50</u>	<u>1,104,579.81</u>	<u>20,142,351.13</u>

TABLE OF FIXED DEBT
June 30, 2002

*BANK	LOAN/DATE	AMOUNT	RATE	MATURITY	OUTSTANDING June 30, 2002	PRINCIPAL Due FY03	INTEREST Due FY03	DEBT
B.	Municipal Purpose Loan Jan. 15, 1994 (1499-012)	6,270,000.00	VAR.	7/15/13	3,175,000.00	350,000.00	142,950.00	115
B.	Municipal Purpose Loan Feb. 1, 1995	5,922,000.00	VAR.	2/1/13	2,420,000.00	285,000.00	157,915.00	116
B.	Municipal Purpose Loan Dec. 1, 1995 (1499-013)	2,413,000.00	VAR.	12/1/05	650,000.00	185,000.00	32,637.50	117
C.	Municipal Purpose Loan Dec 15, 1996 (1499-014)	2,775,000.00	VAR.	12/15/06	425,000.00	125,000.00	24,400.00	118
D.	Municipal Purpose Loan Jan. 15, 1998 (1449-015)	8,870,000.00	VAR.	1/15/18	5,670,000.00	500,000.00	294,837.50	119
E.	Municipal Purpose Loan Mar. 15, 1999	8,895,000.00	VAR	3/15/18	6,690,000.00	725,000.00	315,565.00	120
F.	Municipal Purpose Loan Mar. 15, 2000	3,270,000.00	VAR	3/15/11	2,190,000.00	540,000.00	134,880.00	121
G.	Septic Loan Dec. 9, 1998	200,000.00	0%	8/1/18	188,887.75	11,112.25	0.00	122
G	Septic Loan Oct. 6, 1999	200,000.00	0%	8/1/19	188,875.00	11,125.00	0.00	123
F	Municipal Purpose Loan May 1, 2001	3,790,000.00	VAR	5/1/10	3,140,000.00	650,000.00	155,300.00	124
A	Municipal Purpose Loan May 1, 2002	1,370,000.00	VAR	5/1/21	<u>1,370,000.00</u>	<u>1,560,000.00</u>	<u>593,110.00</u>	125
TOTALS					26,107,762.75	4,942,237.25	1,851,595.00	

*Bank
Codes A.=UBS Paine Webber
 B.=State Street Bank & Trust Co.
 C.=Fidelity Capitol Markets
 D.=Fleet
 E.=BankBoston
 F.=Corby North Bridge Securities
 G.=MA Water Pollution Abatement Trust

Office of the Collector

Robert J. Uyttebroek, Town Collector
Elizabeth A. Siemiakaska, Assistant Collector
Patricia A. Morrison, Senior Bookkeeper - Treasury / Collections
Caryl D. Antonio, Senior Bookkeeper - Treasury / Collections
Patricia T. Lesco, Junior Bookkeeper / Secretary
Office of the Treasurer
Robert J. Uyttebroek, Town Treasurer
Judith K. Doo, Assistant Treasurer
Sharon W. Collins, Payroll Supervisor
Department of Data Processing
Robert J. Uyttebroek, Manager of Information Systems
Donald P. Hillegass, Systems Administrator
Barry R. Zlotin, Technical Support Specialist

The Office of the Collector is responsible for the collection of all taxes and excises assessed by the Board of Assessors, and usage fees assessed by the Water Department, and School Departments. The Office also properly records and accounts for all funds received. On the occasion of a tax delinquency, the Office prepares and processes tax takings. The Office of the Treasurer receives all Town revenues according to departmental turn-in schedules. The Office properly accounts for these receipts to the Town Accountant and the investment of these funds. The Office distributes all disbursements to Town employees and vendors. The Office processes payroll for over 800 employees and administers all employee benefits. The Office is responsible for the planning, negotiations, and settlement of all temporary and permanent debt. The Department of Data Processing maintains the operation of all computer hardware and peripherals, and sustains and administers the various software programs that support the financials, collections, assessed valuations, property records, census, and water usage. The Department creates applications to support other activities as needed within the Town.

Temporary Borrowings Issued in FY02:

Bond Anticipation Note of \$5,863,000 issued October 5, 2001 and renewed March 29, 2002.

Permanent Debt Issued in FY02:

	<u>Amount Authorized</u>	<u>Amount Issued</u>	<u>Date of Maturity</u>	<u>Net Interest Costs</u>
Authorized on May 7 - 9, 2001				
Board of Selectmen				
Wilber School	\$125,000	\$125,000	May 1, 2003	\$16,938
Building				
Maintenance				
Board of Library Trustees				
Computer	\$25,000	\$25,000	May 1, 2006	\$2,672
Equipment				
Conservation Commission				
Land	\$725,000	\$725,000	May 1, 2010	\$145,788
Acquisition				
Fire Department				
Chief's Command	\$40,000	\$40,000	May 1, 2006	\$4,229
Vehicle				
Ambulance	\$90,000	\$90,000	May 1, 2006	\$9,517
Computer	\$15,000	\$15,000	May 1, 2006	\$1,603
Equipment				
	\$145,000	\$145,000		\$15,349
Police Department				
Detective's	\$26,000	\$26,000	May 1, 2006	\$2,749
Vehicle				
Public Works Department				
Curb & Sidewalk	\$225,000	\$225,000	May 1, 2006	\$46,118
construction				
Street	\$570,000	\$570,000	May 1, 2011	\$90,969
Improvements				
Vehicle Wash	\$40,000	\$40,000	May 1, 2012	\$7,911
Facility				
Departmental	\$200,000	\$200,000	May 1, 2006	\$21,147
Equipment				
	\$1,035,000	\$1,035,000		\$166,146

Recreation Department

Memorial Beach Improvements	\$50,000	\$50,000	May 1, 2012	\$9,889
Community Center Improvements	\$14,000	\$14,000	May 1, 2012	\$2,768
Septic System @ D. Sampson Facility	\$25,000	\$25,000	May 1, 2012	\$4,944
Departmental Equipment	\$10,000	\$10,000	May 1, 2006	\$1,057
	\$99,000	\$99,000		\$18,659

School Committee

Cottage Street School Rehabilitation	\$8,307,000	\$8,305,000	May 1, 2021	\$3,774,180
System-wide Designs	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	May 1, 2006	\$267,188
Playground Equipment @ EES	\$20,000	\$20,000	May 1, 2007	\$2,315
Flooding Correction @ EES	\$60,700	\$60,500	May 1, 2011	\$10,934
Playground Fencing @ HES	\$13,000	\$13,000	May 1, 2011	\$2,350
Ceiling Tile @ HS	\$28,000	\$28,000	May 1, 2007	\$3,240
Risers for Stage @ HS	\$5,000	\$5,000	May 1, 2007	\$578
Computer Labs Lighting @ MS	\$8,000	\$8,000	May 1, 2011	\$1,446
Security & Communications	\$49,000	\$49,000	May 1, 2007	\$5,670
Furniture	\$50,000	\$50,000	May 1, 2007	\$5,785
Vehicles	\$47,748	\$47,000	May 1, 2007	\$5,438
Technology Plan	\$110,000	\$110,000	May 1, 2007	\$13,475
Cafeteria Upgrades	\$22,605	\$22,000	May 1, 2011	\$3,977
Portable Bleachers	\$7,500	\$7,500	May 1, 2007	\$867
	\$11,228,553	\$11,225,000		\$4,097,443

Authorized on December 3, 2001**Public Works Department**

Purchase of Street Lights	\$295,000	\$295,000	May 1, 2012	\$64,850
Total Issue:	\$13,703,553	\$13,700,000		\$4,530,593

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Robert A. Merritt, M.A.A., Chairman
Ellen W. Abelson, M.A.A.
Paula B. Keefe, M.A.A.

Mark J. Mazur, M.A.A., Administrative Assessor
Mary A. Hall, Administrative Assistant
Martha Lurie, Senior Clerk

ASSESSED VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY	Fiscal 2003	Fiscal 2002
Real Estate	1,848,597,400	1,685,372,300
Personal Property	30,512,900	28,559,400
Total	1,879,110,300	1,713,931,700

REAL ESTATE EXEMPT FROM TAXATION	147,225,800	148,750,300
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FIVE YEAR SUMMARY

Fiscal Year	Valuation	Total Appropriation	To be raised by Taxation	Tax Rate
1999	1,277,690,600	37,853,834.00	25,975,449.90	20.33
2000	1,293,854,400	39,790,807.54	26,756,908.99	20.68
2001	1,637,738,800	44,012,119.14	28,562,164.67	17.44
2002	1,713,931,700	46,549,894.23	30,593,680.85	17.85
2003	1,879,110,300	52,734,334.04	36,567,486.43	19.46

During fiscal 2002 the Board of Assessors held twenty-five meetings. The Board granted 1,278 motor vehicle abatements, acted on seventy six applications for real estate or personal property abatement and approved the following exemptions for fiscal 2002:

Clause	Number Granted	Tax Dollars Exempted
17D(Surv.Spouse)	20	\$6,762.33
18(Hardship)	2	4,658.46
22(Veterans)	115	57,108.84
22A(Veterans)	4	3,400.00
22E(Veterans)	11	11,303.88
37(Blind)	10	8,577.12
41C(Elderly)	23	21,904.95
42(Surv.Sp.Police)	1	4,275.08
Paraplegics	2	8,143.18
Totals	188	\$126,133.84
41A Deferred Taxes	14	41,379.64

Sharon Public Schools

School Committee

Sam Liao, Chair
Jane Furr, Vice Chair
Mitchell Blaustein
Donald Gilligan
Andrew Nebenzahl
Suzanne Peyton

Claire W. Jackson, Superintendent
Barbara J. Dunham, Assistant Superintendent
for Finance and Administration

Mission Statement

The Sharon Public Schools, in partnership with the community, has as its mission the responsibility to prepare students to live in a rapidly changing society. Together we will provide an environment that maximizes the student's academic, artistic, social, emotional, and physical development. This atmosphere will encourage each individual to develop the skills and sensitivity for living effectively and responsibly.

The 2002 school year was marked by the passage of a 3.8 million-dollar override for the School Department's operational budget. An override was needed to offset a large deficit and to meet contractual salary obligations. Although required to reduce the FY03 budget by approximately \$400,000, due to the success of the override ballot the School Committee was able to avoid laying off large numbers of teachers and eliminating programs.

During the spring and summer, the School Committee and superintendent worked together to develop joint short-term and long-term goals. The eight overarching goals are included below. For greater detail, please see the Sharon Public Schools' website: www.sharonpublicschools.com

1. Educational/Instructional Leadership Goal: to strive to become the first ranked School district in the U.S. by making continuous measurable improvement on an annual basis.

Teachers, principals and coordinators at all levels are working toward the completion of the first draft of the Sharon Public Schools Learning Standards K-12. These district-specific learning expectations, to be published in draft form this spring, will lay the foundation for all future curriculum writing. In addition, professional development continues with an emphasis on mathematics and literacy. As a result, Sharon's teachers are becoming more effective and expert instructional designers even as they develop a more highly refined sense of appropriate classroom-based assessment.

2. Policy Development Goal: to review and revise the School Committee Policy Manual on a continuous basis.

School Committee member Suzanne Peyton has identified the policy items that are currently in need of development or revision. She will provide the committee with drafts of the new

or revised policy statements for approval at regular School Committee meetings throughout the year.

3. Financial Management Goal: to continue to refine the budgeting function and financial planning.

School Committee chair, Sam Liao and Donald Gilligan have, in collaboration with town and school administration, begun a process for projecting the fiscal needs of the school department over the next five to ten years. This effort will provide a needed administrative tool to enhance school department efforts to manage funds and to plan responsibly.

4. General Management/Management of Personnel Goal: to review administrative structure, responsibilities and salaries; to improve the quality of teaching and learning on a continual basis, to negotiate the teacher contract successfully.

Vice Chair, Jane Furr and Suzanne Peyton comprise the subcommittee for Teaching and Learning. Under their leadership, a task force consisting of parents, teachers, and administrators has been formed to explore strategies for enriching the middle school experience for our students. The Middle School Task Force will meet several times to share insights and to make recommendations for School Committee consideration prior to the end of the current school year.

Sam Liao, Mitch Blaustein and Andy Nebenzahl form the Personnel and STA subcommittee charged with negotiating the teachers' contract that expires at the end of the 2002-2003 school year. Negotiations are in progress.

5. Facilities Goal: to review and update the long-range building plan.

The Standing Building Committee, working closely with the administration and the School Committee, represented by Don Gilligan, began the construction of the Cottage Street School with a groundbreaking ceremony on January 23, 2002. Work on the first two phases was complete for the opening of school and the School Committee anticipates the completion of the project for summer 2003.

Construction at East Elementary School began in August and is continuing smoothly while plans for the renovation of the Middle School have been temporarily postponed.

Andy Nebenzahl and Jane Furr are the School Committee representatives to the Capital Outlay Committee and advocate strongly for those needs determined to be the highest priorities for the schools.

6. Community Relations Goal: to ensure that other Town Committees and the general public are adequately and correctly informed through improved dissemination of information.

Collaboration and communication have improved greatly over the past year. The development of the school department budget

is an open process that invites the participation of designated FinCom members. Selectman Allen Garf participates as the Town's representative to the School Committee negotiating team. The Superintendent continues to meet regularly with parent leaders and to attend community meetings where information about the schools will enlighten the discussion.

7. School Committee Relations Goal: to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the School Committee and the Superintendent.

This fall, the School Committee invited a consultant from the Mass Association of School Committees to conduct a workshop that clearly defined the roles and responsibilities of the School Committee and the Superintendent.

8. Summary Long Term Goals that Extend Beyond 2002-2003: to work with principals and coordinators to establish a format for program evaluation, to conduct a system-wide survey of parents and students, to establish a foreign language program in the lower grades and to establish full-day kindergarten.

Because the fiscal crisis at the state level continues to grow and because budget demands in prior years have left the town without adequate "rainy day" funding, the budget for FY04 will have to be reduced to a level lower than FY03. The School Committee anticipates significant reductions across the board. Nevertheless, the School Committee and the administration will continue to support and encourage the excellence that defines this school district. Whatever the budget, we will consistently and energetically make every effort to improve the quality of education for all Sharon students.

SHARON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Joseph S. Bernstein, Chief of Police

It seems like just yesterday I was completing the Annual Report for 2001, commenting on the tragic events of September 11, 2001 and impact to our community and Police Department. Although the year has sped past, those tragic events are still on our minds, as they should be, and continue to impact activities throughout the law enforcement community. New challenges face us at a time when the economic situation necessitated a reduction of personnel, plus the elimination of relied upon state grant funding. However, regardless of the financial challenges the men and women of our police department take pride in our commitment to service your safety needs and will continue to do so. Although some programs had to be eliminated, front line traditional policing initiatives have not been impacted. New procedures were developed jointly with the Fire Department to address the numerous calls received on suspicious mailings. All Town Departments are involved in the Local Emergency Planning Committee, and we are working with the Capital Outlay Committee on a project to address radio communications interoperability,

which would allow all departments to communicate with each other. Additionally, we have joined forces with thirty-nine other local law enforcement agencies and Sheriff's Department to form the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council (Metro-LEC) to promote greater public safety and protection within local communities through the sharing of resources and promoting greater capacity which would normally exceed the capabilities of anyone single agency. Through this Law Enforcement Council, grant monies exceeding \$500,000 have been received to provide training for all agencies and purchase equipment, which is well beyond the means of individual agencies.

Again this year we aggressively pursued funding to augment Town funds to purchase equipment and place additional officers in the field. In the past few years grant funding has enabled us to purchase significant equipment such as: a patrol boat; a speed monitoring sign; a fully equipped motorcycle; and radar units. Although funds have been gradually reduced, this year grant monies still assisted in upgrading computer technology in the police vehicles and for the purchase of Internet access equipment for the police station. Funds were also utilized to pay for extra officers to conduct marine patrols at the lake, bicycle patrols around our recreational facilities during weekends, Independence Day festivities and concerts, Halloween, as well as foot patrols for "Square Jam" and other activities. For the 2001 - 2002 school year we received a grant of \$13,000 to assist in funding the D.A.R.E. Program. However, due to economic constraints, grant funding for D.A.R.E. was just about eliminated for the 2002 - 2003 school year and along with the reduction in personnel caused the department to eliminate the program. Late in December we were pleased to learn that we were awarded \$30,500 through the state-funded Local Law Enforcement Public Safety Equipment Grant Program. These funds along with a similar grant awarded to the Fire Department will be used to reduce the Capital Project request to upgrade radio communications town-wide, noted earlier in this report.

Communication with everyone in our community is something we continually foster. We have initiatives where officers visit the elementary schools during lunch hours to interact with the students, internships for high school students, and have designated specific contact officers for each school. Outside of the school environment, this past year, we have reached the entire community through participation with Sharon Community Television, which is a tremendous asset to our community. Phyllis Bernstein (no relation), Director of Community Television cornered me to fill airtime awaiting the results of the May Town Election and override questions. She gave me an opportunity to address a captive audience and hopefully provide pertinent information about their police department. A few other times throughout the year her staff, which is always helpful, produced short topical programs of interest. We have visited many organizations and given short talks on various topics of interest. Our open house during Family Week was a great success.

The youngsters' expressions were priceless, when either in a cell, sitting on the motorcycle, or in the police vehicle playing with the lights and siren. Some parents also took the opportunity to indulge. A new program for our seniors is the "Are You Okay Program," which in conjunction with the Sharon Council on Ageing and Norfolk Sheriff's Department monitors at risk seniors on a daily basis. Other examples of activities we continue to offer are, Emergency Alert Program (issuance of I.D. bracelets to individuals affected by Alzheimer and similar diseases), assistance in proper installation of infant and children vehicle safety seats, home security surveys, and traffic surveys. Please visit our newly developed web site through www.townofsharon.net to view additional information and informative links, including Mass Most Wanted, which was developed through Metro-LEC and has been very helpful in the identification and apprehension of dangerous criminals. Kudos to Officer Patino for the development and maintenance of our site.

Personnel have attended numerous training sessions to keep abreast and expand their knowledge to better serve the community. In June, a hands on Critical Incident Training exercise was held at the high school, directed by Officers Bishop and Conway who are part of our regional tactical team through Metro-LEC. Other courses and seminars attended by a variety of personnel included topics on the following: critical incident management for law enforcement dispatchers, incident command for law enforcement commanders and executives, understanding religious differences, terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, hate crime, managing a search and rescue operation, tackling the bullying problem, threat assessment, managing a bank robbery investigation and numerous others. Additionally, all officers annually attend a week-long training program through the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council dealing with legal issues, firearms qualification, first responder certification, defensive tactics, and community policing.

The Police Department was involved in over 16,000 incidents, an increase of over 3% from the previous year. Officers responded to 321 motor vehicle accidents of which 316 required formal reporting and 66 involved personal injuries. I am pleased to report that the number of motor vehicle accidents decreased for the second year in a row; however, the number of personal injury accidents has increased. All of us must continue to drive defensively so we maintain the overall trend of reducing the number of accidents, while at the same time, SLOW DOWN, to address the incidents of personal injury accidents. As Sharon and surrounding areas continue to develop, the amount of vehicular and pedestrian traffic continues to increase, therefore, our continued vigilance and patience is necessary. Officers issued 383 written warnings, 955 civil violations and 197 criminal complaints. Motor vehicle traffic enforcement increased considerably in 2001 and slightly in 2002, which appears to have had a continued positive impact on motor vehicle accidents. Officers served 56 Domestic Violence Protective

Orders. We responded to over 900 burglary alarms, of which almost all were false, weather related, malfunctions or operator error. Officers were called upon 156 times to assist citizens who locked themselves out of their vehicle. There were 18 reported burglaries and seven attempted burglaries, consistent with 2001, which was down from 2000. Reported larcenies have steadily declined over the last few years from 121 in 1998 to 95 in 2001, and remained steady in 2002 with 96. Over the last few years I reported to you about senseless acts of vandalism and the need for all of us to become involved and report suspicious activity. For 2001 I was glad to inform you that there was a considerable decrease in these incidents, from 132 in 2000, to 84 in 2001. However, that number has jumped up again to 125 during 2002, many of which were damage to mailboxes which is absolutely nonsensical, and irritating to the homeowner, not to mention costly. If anyone sees such activity, I ask you to contact us immediately while trying to get a description of the people, or vehicle, especially the license plate number of the vehicle, if possible. The overall crime statistics for our community are very positive. They are reflective of the hard work and commitment of the men and women of the police department, and the citizens of our community who stay involved, and act as extra eyes and ears for the police department. One citizen was instrumental in supplying a description of a person and vehicle utilized in a robbery at Brooks Pharmacy, which led officers to arrest two suspects a short time later. This is a terrific example of how your police department, working with you can make our community a safer place to live.

As in past years, I will conclude by thanking all the people who have supported the Sharon Police Department. Many of you have spoken to me personally and others have sent notes of thanks and appreciation complimenting various members of the department. Again, as in past years, and especially during the holiday season many people dropped off baked goods, fruit baskets and other expressions of thanks. For years a family has sent us wonderful pastries, and for Thanksgiving, Coriander Bistro arrived at the police station with a tremendous pre-Thanksgiving dinner for the department. Your thoughts and thanks are shared with all members and are greatly appreciated. If you have any comments or suggestions, which you feel would be beneficial to us in serving you, please let us know. You can telephone me at 781-784-1588, stop by the police station, or send us a note.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Eric R. Hooper, Superintendent of Public Works
Marie E. Cuneo, Business Manager
Cynthia E. Rhodes, Secretary
Evelyn R. O'Reilly, Secretary
Antonetta M. Fraone, Secretary

The individual reports of this Department's five divisions demonstrate the overall breadth and scope of the DPW's responsibilities and activities.

Programs administered by the Department include refuse collection and curbside recycling. The quarterly cost to residents for both services remained at \$45. A successful Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day was conducted in June and funded from residential refuse fees.

The Walter Griffin fields are now in the third year of use and the fields at Deborah Sampson, Gavins Pond Road, the High School, Middle School and Elementary Schools continue to hold up despite continuous hard use. A turf blanket was used at the High School for the first time which resulted in the practice area remaining a viable field. This winter-time practice will continue as weather permits.

Roadway and sidewalk repaving projects continue to proceed with recently completed projects at Paul Revere Road, Wolomolopoag Street, the Cottage Street/Ames Street intersection and the Maple Avenue/Tolman Street area. The State funding and permitting process was completed for the North/South Main Street reconstruction project and the estimated 18-month construction is finally scheduled to begin during 2003.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

William H. Petipas, Supervisor
Bruce F. Giggey, Assistant Supervisor

In addition to routine activities, street sweeping, pothole patching, sign installation and maintenance, snowplowing and sanding, maintenance of all Town owned vehicles except Fire Department, the following projects were completed:

- Relocated drainage, installed granite curbing, excavated and relocated intersections of Gunhouse at Cedar Street and Cottage at Ames Street.
- Sidewalks were replaced or installed on Wolomolopoag Street, Tolman Street. and Paul Revere Road.
- Northeast Reclamation reclaimed 21 streets.
- T. L. Edwards cold planed 8 streets.
- Aggregate Industries paved all 29 streets.

- Assisted Friends of Ames St. Playground with phase 1 and phase 2 at their reconstruction project.
- Assisted Youth Baseball Association with construction of their refreshment facility and associated groundwork.
- Repaired numerous drainage problems throughout Town.
- Supported all other departments when required or requested.

FORESTRY and GROUNDS DIVISION

Kevin Weber, Supervisor

Activities of this division during the past year included:

- Continued to maintain all athletic facilities, school grounds, town grounds, cemeteries, and roadsides.
- Worked extensively with landscape architect and volunteers at Beech Tree Park. Also assisted Garden Club with several projects throughout the year, primarily with the daffodil planting project. We planted 2000 bulbs in specific locations.
- Maintained Farnham Road compost facility where 7424 vehicles used the site. Made arrangements with North Country Mulch to have our wood chips and unscreened material brought to their yard in exchange for screened loam. This will diminish the need for the Operations Division to purchase screened loam.
- Applied for and received tree planting grant to landscape intersection of Beach, Cedar and Gunhouse Streets.
- Conducted Arbor Day Celebration on the last Saturday in April at Beech Tree Park.
- Assisted Operations Division with snow and ice as needed.
- Attended ceremony and received Tree City USA award from the National Arbor Day Foundation.
- Conducted several tree hearings regarding the cutting and removal of trees within the town right of way, due to road construction, development, or safety issues.

WATER DIVISION

David Masciarelli, Supervisor

Routine Activities	Station Maintenance
Meters Read (twice annually)	5545
New Meters Installed	47
Meters Replaced	210
Meters Repaired	34
Readings for Transfers of Property	239
Water Shut Offs for Plumbers	73
New Hydrants Installed	3
Freeze Up Call Responses	2
Water Main Break Repairs	7

Hydrants Repaired or Replaced	13
New Services Tapped	7
Curb boxes repaired or replaced	78
Water services marked at request of various contractors	62

WATER SAMPLES TAKEN

State Bacteria	320
State Fluoride	72
Volatile Organic Compounds	11
Nitrates	62
Special	28

GALLONS OF WATER PUMPED 548,258,000

NEW WATER MAINS

Cottage St School	300'	6"	C.L.D.I.
Burnt Bridge Road	550'	8"	C.L.D.I.
Commercial Street	1000'	8"	C.L.D.I.

1. Again a good portion of the year was spent replacing lead water services on streets scheduled for rehabilitation by the Operations Division.
2. Conservation Technologies was hired to do a townwide leak detection survey. They located 23 small leaks.
3. The division held its 8th Annual Open House. This year was at Station #6.
4. The Water Division again received the State's Department of Environmental Protection drinking water award.
5. The Water Division Supervisor was at the Super Bowl in New Orleans helping out with security when the New England Patriots became World Champions.

BUILDING INSPECTION AND CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Joseph X. Kent, Inspector of Buildings & Zoning Enforcement
Officer

James B. Delaney, Inspector of Wires
Edward J. Forsberg, Plumbing and Gas Inspector

Residents are reminded that it is illegal to construct, reconstruct or alter a structure without first obtaining a building permit from the Building Inspector. Residents must obtain a permit to reshingle a roof, to install new siding, to construct a tool shed or a cabana or to rebuild a rotted out deck. Before undertaking a renovation project, residents are required to ensure demolition debris generated by this project will be legally disposed of.

Electric wiring cannot be installed, nor can gas piping or reconnection of gas appliances or plumbing fixtures be installed without a permit by licensed personnel. All domestic water piping must be installed with no lead solder. The installation of permanent water treatment or purification equipment or lawn sprinkler system connected to a potable water supply including private wells shall be made subject to inspection and approval by the Plumbing Inspector for the protection of residents and their families.

The total number of building permits issued during 2002 was 440, of these 16 permits were for single family dwellings. Single family home construction is down from 2001.

The total value of construction and alterations was \$37,248,690. The Building Department issued 23 occupancy permits for 2002.

Permits Issued and Value of Construction:

Type of Construction	Permits	Issued	Estimated Values	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
Single family	16	25	\$3,865,195	\$5,811,751
Multi-family	0	0	-0-	-0-
Additions/Alterations	353	381	\$18,417,280	\$8,019,314
Garages	9	4	\$389,800	\$158,300
Others (sign, pool/demolition)	58	40	\$236,315	\$459,037
New non-residential	4	1	\$14,340,100	\$787,000

Fees for building, gas, plumbing and wiring permits collected during the year 2002 in the amount of \$205,550. This Division provided all of the administrative support for 38 Zoning Board of Appeals cases.

ENGINEERING DIVISION

Peter O'Cain, E.I.T., Assistant Town Engineer
James R. Andrews, Health Agent for Engineering/Engineering Aide

The Engineering Division continues to provide services to all Town Departments, including design of walkways for the Library, preparation of display materials for the Conservation Commission's efforts to secure financing for the Rattlesnake Hill property purchase, serving on design review committees for both school department and Town building projects and preparing bid documents and administrating contracts for the Park and Recreation Department, the Beach revitalization project, roadway projects and the Wilber School reuse project.

The Engineering Division continued to provide technical support to Town Departments, Boards, Committees, residents and others throughout the year. The expertise provided by this Division has allowed the Town to undertake projects and reviews that had previously required outside consultants. When outside consultants are required, the Engineering Division reviews designs submitted, examples include the Cottage Street School, East Elementary and Sharon Middle School expansion projects.

The Division, as agent for the Planning Board, reviewed eight plans submitted for approval and provided technical assistance to the Board during the processing of these applications. The Assistant Town Engineer attended all of the Board's meetings. Construction of roadways and related improvements in seven active subdivisions were inspected regularly to assure conformance with the Board's rules and regulations.

The Division, as agent for the Board of Health, continued to implement 310CMR 15.000 (1995 Title 5) and Article 7 regulations governing septic installations and Article 16 regulations for governing private well installation. The Health Agent for Engineering attended all of the Board's meetings. The Division processed 211 Title V Septic System Reports; approved design, issued permits for and inspected the installation of 271 new or replacement septic systems; and witnessed 335 percolation tests or test holes. The Division also performed twice weekly sampling of Lake Massapoag during the summer season to ensure public health safety requirements were met.

The Division also provided design, construction, and other technical services for the following projects:

1. Repaving of another large section of the in-bound railroad parking area with improved and expanded drainage capabilities.
2. Completion of the redesigned Cottage/Ames Streets intersection.
3. Completion of the Beach/Cedar/Gunhouse Streets intersection redesign project.
4. Assisted Sharon Youth Soccer with new field design for Gavins Pond Road.
5. Completion of Phase 1 of Town Beach revitalization project.
6. Assisted Sharon Youth Baseball with design of the "Snack Shack" and its septic system.
7. Completion of 3500 feet of sidewalk on Wolomolopoag Street and repaving and drainage work for twenty-four streets in Sharon.
8. Continued involvement with town-wide space needs assessments and building feasibility studies.

Use of the Geographic Information System (G.I.S.) by other departments has allowed the Town to reduce or eliminate altogether its dependence on outside consultants for e.g., production of Assessor's and Conservation Commission maps, maximum build-out, housing, census and voting, and re-zoning studies.

The G.I.S. also enables residents to obtain detailed technical information about their home and property including: septic system information, lot size, lot zoning, setbacks, wetland information and more.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Andrew Stead, Chairman
Susan Peck, Vice-Chairman
Elizabeth Day Barnett, M.D.
Anne Bingham
Jonathan Goldberg

Linda Rosen, Health Administrator

Jonathan Goldberg was reappointed to the Board for a three year term. At year's end, Anne Bingham was appointed for a three year term. Jim Andrews continued as Health Agent for Engineering; Jack Lapuck continued as Health Agent for Sanitary Inspections and Enforcement; Sheila Miller continued as Assistant Health Agent for Sanitary Inspections and Enforcement.

Some accomplishments in 2002 included:

- Continued to thoroughly review proposed septic system upgrades, variances, and alternative systems. The Board continued the requirement that homeowners with alternative systems provide a signed Operations and Management Agreement to the Board, with the following testing requirements: BOD, TSS, pH, TKN, Ammonia, and Nitrites.
- The Board continued to work on updating and revising Article 7 of the Rules and Regulations of the Sharon Board of Health (septic system regulation) in an ongoing effort to protect the health and well-being of the community.
- Following a thorough review of licensing fees, the Board held a public hearing resulting in the institution of increased fees ---- the first increase in 12 years.
- Due to budgetary constraints, the Board began to pass along to semi-public pool owners and camp operators the cost of laboratory testing for these facilities. The Department continues to process the results in accordance with state requirements to ensure the safety of the public.
- Approved the Department's participation in the Vial of Life Program, providing an excellent resource for the community.
- Continued discussion with the Finance Committee regarding the establishment of revolving funds for the Department: 1) to help ensure the continuation of flu and pneumonia clinics; and 2) to help monitor compliance with septic

variances issued by the Board of Health. Financial difficulties continue to make the provision of these services more challenging.

- Developed and reviewed proposed regulations for the provision of manicuring services to protect the public health and safety.

Permits and licenses issued by the Board of Health during 2002 included the following: keeping of animals; caterers; manufacture and/or sale of ice cream; sale of milk and/or cream; vehicle licenses for sale of milk; lodging houses; pasteurization of milk; motels; camps; operation of retail food establishments; food service establishments; combination retail food/food service establishments; residential kitchens; semi-public pools; massage establishments and practitioners; funeral director; seasonal food service; seasonal mobile food vendors; transportation of offal; dumpster operations; portable toilets; and retail tobacco sales. The Board is also responsible for issuing 5 year renewal permits for underground storage of hazardous materials and regulated substances.

A Special Service Board, administered by the Health Department, is responsible for determining the eligibility of senior citizens and disabled persons (based upon income) for town-sponsored refuse collection. Thirty-three residents were approved for this service as of the end of 2002.

The Department conducted weekly laboratory testing of all eight semi-public swimming pools and twice weekly laboratory testing of all Lake Massapoag swimming areas from late May to September to monitor for bacterial levels. In accordance with state requirements for bathing beaches, the Department monitors the E-Coli levels of both swimming and non-swimming areas around the lake. Funds for laboratory testing are now provided by a Recreation Department revolving fund consisting of proceeds from sales of beach and boating tags.

Compliance with 310CMR 15.000 (1995 Title 5, as well as with Article 7 of the Board of Health Regulations (regarding septic systems) and Article 16 of the Board of Health Regulations (regarding private wells) was monitored by the Health Agent for Engineering. (Please see the "Engineering Division" section for additional information.)

The Department once again participated in various health-oriented projects, including the annual American Cancer Society's "Daffodil Days" (with the assistance of Martha Lurie of the Sharon Assessor's office). The Department continued its collaboration, begun in 1993, with the Norton-Mansfield-Sharon

Tobacco Control Program. Linda Rosen served as the Board's representative to the Tobacco Control Program Board, with Sheila Miller as the alternate representative. The Department regretted to see the demise of this program at the end of November, due to state budget cuts.

The Department acted as the town's agent regarding West Nile Virus, accepting and packing dead birds reported to the state by residents for pickup and testing by the State Department of Public Health.

Responsibilities of the Town Sanitarian in 2002 included the following: Unannounced inspections of food service establishments, lodging house and motel facilities, retail food establishments, and catering facilities to ensure compliance with the revised, strengthened State Sanitary Code and FDA Food Code. All food service facilities were inspected at least twice during the year. In addition, the Sanitarian monitored the requirement in the revised Code for each food establishment to have a certified food protection manager who must pass an accredited examination to fulfill this requirement. Also conducted were sanitation audits of school cafeteria food service practices throughout the school year; inspection of retail establishments selling tobacco products, as well as restaurants, motels, and lodging houses for compliance with the Board of Health Tobacco Regulation. Pre-season and mid-season inspections of all camps to insure continuation of proper sanitation standards were made by both the Sanitarian, Dr. J. L. Lapuck, and his assistant, Sheila Miller, RNC. Evaluations of camp conditions were made in conformance with increasingly stringent state-wide regulations.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Public Health Nurse: Sheila Miller, RNC

The Public Health Nursing Service of the Sharon Board of Health provided services to residents of the town as follows in 2002:

TOTAL VISITS	3002
Total # Office Visits	2852
# 65 years-84 years included	1642
# 85 years+ included	198
Total # Home Visits	150
# 65 years-84 years included	51
# 85 years+ included	99
HEALTH PROMOTION VISITS	1998
DISEASE CONTROL VISITS	347
IMMUNIZATIONS	507
OTHER SERVICES	150
ADMISSIONS	57
CLINICS PROVIDED (Various Locations - Out of Office):	

12 Blood Sugar Clinics-Sr.Citizens	265
12 Blood Pressure Clinics-Sr.Citizen	352
Flu Injection Clinics	1196
(# 65 years+ included in flu clinics	437

Sheila Miller, RNC, continues in the 30 hour/week position of Public Health Nurse for the town. Linda Beadle, Nurse Practitioner, provides assistance on an ongoing basis as our part-time public health nurse. Additionally, the Department relies on several on-call Registered Nurses to assist with clinics, on an as-needed basis.

The Department provides regularly scheduled blood pressure/blood sugar clinics for all adult residents, as well as the monthly senior citizen clinics. In addition, immunizations, nutrition and weight control education, as well as monthly home visits (as needed) are conducted. Cholesterol screening is provided several times per year. The Nursing Department is actively involved with the School Department Nursing Staff, sharing information regarding immunizations and communicable diseases. The Public Health Nurse also assists with immunizations, as needed, for campers and staff. Sheila Miller, RNC, met with area camp directors to review health records. Coordination with the Council on Aging, area Visiting Nurse Associations, HESSCO, as well as other town departments continues on an ongoing basis.

The Public Health Nurse continued to follow up on communicable disease cases reported to the Department. Included among the 26 communicable disease reports in 200 were 1 E-coli, 1 Shigella, 11 Lyme Disease, 6 Campylobacter, 9 Giardia, and 6 Chronic Hepatitis B and C.

Town employee health screenings were again held, with positive responses from all departments. Cholesterol screening was provided, in addition to blood pressure and blood sugar screenings. Sheila Miller provided various lectures and slide programs, including a skin cancer awareness program at the lake concert.

Arrangements were made to allow residents to dispose of medical waste. This year's program was again conducted at the Health Department office in Town Hall and, due to its success, the Department hopes to continue to provide this service on an annual basis. In conjunction with this program, the Department provided a mercury thermometer exchange program. In addition, arrangements made in collaboration with Sturdy Hospital and the Fire Department allow for disposal of sharps at the Fire Department on an ongoing basis.

Periodic cholesterol screenings were again held in 2002. In addition, monthly evening hours for blood pressure screenings continued, in an ongoing effort to reach younger residents (who are generally working or in school during daytime hours).

The Department once again immunized 6th graders against Hepatitis B, resulting in 86 participants completing the series in spring 2002. The series of three doses of vaccine was made possible by the State Department of Public Health, which provides the vaccine for this age group at no cost. Due to the success of the program, and with the cooperation of Meg Verrett, R.N., and the school nursing staff, the program continued with the next group of 42 6th graders beginning in the fall of 2002. Following this group of 6th graders, all children under the age of 11 should have been immunized against Hepatitis B. The Department continues to provide the series of 3 Hepatitis B doses in the Health office to adolescents to age 19, at no charge.

The annual fall flu clinics went smoothly this year - - - we were able to immunize 1196 residents against influenza. In accordance with guidelines established by the State Department of Public Health, those residents over age 65 or with "at-risk" medical conditions were immunized first during clinics at 51 Hixson Farm Road and the Sharon Community Center. The general clinic, held at Temple Sinai, followed with great success. State budget cuts resulted in fewer doses of vaccine being provided to the Department, however. We have begun the process of billing Medicare and Medicare HMO's for administration of the vaccine and hope to recoup some of the costs involved in providing this service.

Department staff continued to participate in seminars and workshops on bioterrorism; worked closely with the state Department of Public Health, as well as with both Fire and Police Departments; provided informational materials on bioterrorism to the public, and directed residents to the appropriate agencies for further details. The State Department of Public Health has been preparing for the potential of a bioterrorist attack for several years and, in the event of a public health emergency, is on track to provide information to residents through the local health departments. Sheila Miller is now part of an ongoing Local Emergency Planning Committee for the town, with Linda Rosen as the alternate for the Department.

The Department, in conjunction with the Fire Department, instituted the Vial of Life program, giving residents the opportunity to confidentially register important personal data in order to provide emergency responders with vital information.

HEALTH AGENT FOR ENGINEERING

James Andrews

The Health Agent for Engineering processed 211 Title V Septic System Reports; approved design, issued permits for and inspected the installation of 271 new or replacement septic systems; also witnessed 335 percolation tests or test holes. The Engineering Division also performed twice weekly sampling of Lake Massapoag during the summer season to help to ensure public health safety requirements were met.

NORTON-MANSFIELD SHARON TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAM

Serving the towns of Norton, Mansfield, and Sharon, the Tobacco Control Program was funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health from a \$.25 tax on each pack of cigarettes sold in Massachusetts. The program staff worked with the Boards of Health and their agents in each of its towns to increase public awareness about the numerous issues regarding the sale and use of tobacco products. Compliance checks were conducted to determine if merchants were selling tobacco products to youth under 18; merchant education classes were held to help make individual retailers aware of state and municipal regulations regarding the sale and use of tobacco products; changes in the towns' tobacco regulations were recommended. In addition, NMS members participated in a variety of community events and projects and provided information and resources about tobacco. Sadly, due to state budget cuts, this program was funded only through November. It is a resource which will be sorely missed.

Civil Defense

Michael I. Polimer, Director
Michael S. Corman, Deputy Director
Barry R. Zlotin, Deputy Director

2002 was a difficult year for the Civil Defense Department as we coped with the grave illness and subsequent passing of our friend, mentor and long time Director Bernie Rosenberg. Bernie served as Director for more than 30 years, was a mainstay of the program since the 1950's, and handled almost all the day-to-day business of the Department including serving as the Town's E911 coordinator. All the Department's volunteers pulled together and continued to provide required service to the Town during this time of personal crisis. Bernie is an impossible act to follow and is missed daily.

In November, Michael Polimer, a 30 year veteran of the department was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to succeed Director Rosenberg. Michael Corman will continue to be Deputy of Operations and Barry Zlotin will be Administrative Deputy. Peter Bickoff will take over as E911 coordinator. Charles Levine will serve as Civil Defense representative to the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee).

Fortunately there were no emergencies that required Civil Defense response in 2002. Activities like lighting for the Fourth of July celebration and other community service participation continue to provide the staff with "on the street" training and allow us to use and evaluate our equipment.

The major project for 2002 was to make the aerial bucket truck inherited from Sharon Fire useable as a CD vehicle. It has been repaired and painted by our volunteers who continue to customize it for our use. We also refurbished a small snowplow that goes with the Ford Bronco inherited from the Engineering Department last year. A Miller 250 ampere MIG welder was added to our shop and gives us excellent metal welding capability. It replaces a machine we had on loan from a former Town employee. Lack of space continues to be an issue.

Sharon Civil Defense is an all volunteer Department that includes people with diverse backgrounds who add valuable experience and knowledge to our team. More volunteers are always needed. We meet every Monday evening at 7:30 in our headquarters located directly behind the Police station. Everyone is welcome and there is no obligation to attend every meeting.

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Animal Control Officer: Diane A. Malcolmson
Assistant Officers: Paul Spender
Wayne Peck
Karolyn Stuczynski
Matthew Stuczynski

The Animal Control Department received up to 3,000 calls this year. Each call is logged in and responded to as quickly as possible. The types of calls received were for neighborly disputes concerning dogs, lost cats (many), wildlife concerns, adoption inquiries, licensing, etc.

Wild animal calls have been on the rise. The Animal Control Department has assisted in emergency removal of wild animals from homes and sick and/or injured wild animals only. Nuisance wild

animal problems are now being referred to a licensed nuisance animal exterminator.

An ongoing database of lost and found cats/dogs has been quite helpful in the successful reuniting of owners with their pets. The department stresses the importance of keeping cats as indoor pets, thus preventing the loss of them due to coyote attack, "hit by car", unknown bites (which leads to quarantines), and illnesses resulting in costly veterinary bills.

1,635 dog licenses were issued to dog owners this year. One hundred thirty-six citations were issued for failure to license and 31 were brought to the Stoughton District Court for hearings. It is the responsibility of the Animal Control Officer under Massachusetts General Laws to ensure that all dogs residing in the Town of Sharon are licensed yearly. License reminder postcards are mailed along with the town census forms. This assures us that all persons residing in Sharon are notified of dog licensing. Each Veterinarian, also by state law, is responsible for sending a copy of all rabies vaccinations that are administered to the Town Clerk's Office for the town in which the dog resides. This information is entered into a computer and is used for licensing purposes also.

The Sharon Animal Control Department can be found on the internet through a very useful and successful site, www.Petfinder.com. This site contains a wealth of information and lists animals, along with their picture, that are up for adoption at the shelter. The Animal Control Department can also be found on the Town of Sharon's web site, www.townofsharon.net. Here you can find information on the dog/animal by-laws, animals for adoption, wildlife information, licensing, pet care tips, lost and found and frequently asked questions.

The Animal Control Department also relies on the donations of supplies (towels, blankets, heartworm pills, dog/cat food, carriers, pet toys, collars, leads, etc.) as well as financial donations payable to the "Town of Sharon Animal Assistance Fund". This fund was established for the further treatment of sick or injured animals received into the shelter as well as for educational materials for the public and financial assistance in spay and neutering of animals.

The Animal Control Officer has spent time this year visiting with Girl Scout Troops, school classrooms and camp programs. Education on pet responsibility and proper care of pets has been stressed during these visits.

This year the Department has seen several cases of neglect to animals. In two of the cases, the animals were immediately removed from the property and placed in new, loving homes. Thanks to the prompt notification of this department by concerned neighbors, these animals are now thriving.

In closing, the Department was fortunate to have been served by Animal Control Assistants, Valerie White and Amy Karibian, who resigned from the position during the year. Their time, dedication and compassion for animals will surely be missed.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

DAVID I. CLIFTON
RECREATION DIRECTOR

PARKS & RECREATION
"THE BENEFITS ARE ENDLESS"

Recreation Advisory Committee

Michael Ginsberg, Chairperson	
Gary Bluestein	Mike Goldstein
Larry Finkelman	Ben Puritz
Rick Schantz	Corrine Hershman
Steve Lesco	Jay Bronstein
Mitch Blaustein	

Recreation Director
David I. Clifton

Assistant Recreation Director
John T. Connors

Athletic Supervisor	Secretary
David Satter	Maura Palm
Community Center	Community Center
Custodian	Caretaker
Paul Spender	Glen Peck

Recreation Highlights of 2002

This report highlights the partnerships, actions and achievements of the Sharon Recreation Department during the year 2002. It also reveals the importance of our services, activities and facilities to the residents of Sharon as we strive to improve the quality of

life. The benefits from Parks & Recreation services are endless and help create a healthy environment for the entire community. We continue to believe that our contributions, energy and commitment to the community have helped to make Sharon a better place to live, to work and to enjoy. We look forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in 2003.

AED (Automated External Defibrillator)

A new AED was purchased in 2002 for lifesaving purposes and is now available at the Sharon Community Center in case Adult CPR is needed. Many thanks to the Friends of the Council On Aging, the Sharon Men's Club and the Women's Young at Heart Club for donating the funds to purchase and install this important emergency equipment. A training course sponsored by the Recreation Department was scheduled for staff members on how to use an AED, if necessary.

Lake And Pond Grant

On March 21, 2002, the Town of Sharon was selected to receive a \$25,000 grant from the Department of Environmental Management for improvements to Memorial Park Beach at Lake Massapoag. Congratulations to Amanda Sloan for all of her hard work and effort in securing this grant.

Memorial Park Beach Improvement Project - Phase 1

Memorial Park Beach sports a new look these days after the completion of phase 1 of the beach improvement project constructed during the summer of 2002. The beach has a natural boulder retaining wall placed along the shoreline in order to protect the trees & roots as well as prevent soil erosion. The project also includes plantings and educational signage for the recreational enjoyment of the residents.

Beech Tree Park

The Beech Tree Park Committee has created a park at the corner of Beach & Pond Street under the leadership of Mim & Joel Gopen in conjunction with the Town of Sharon. The committee has displayed a great deal of community spirit in the development of this small parcel of land adjacent to the town boat ramp. Many thanks to all the volunteers, who cooperated with the Gopen's in getting the project started and a special thanks to the DPW for their hard work. The project development continues in 2003 and will eventually offer the following opportunities:

- Quiet areas for sitting, reading and watching wildlife
- Game tables
- A gathering space with a Gazebo
- Displays and other outdoor gatherings
- A stopping place for walkers, joggers and bikers

Facilities Used for Recreation in 2002

The following is a list of facilities used for recreation purposes during 2002:

Community Center
Deborah Sampson Park
Lake Massapoag
Dr. Walter A. Griffin Playground
Town Boat Ramp
School Facilities
Gavin's Pond Soccer Site
Community Center Picnic Area & Property
Borderland State Park
Lighted Outdoor Tennis Courts
Sharon Skate Park
Community Theater - Community Center
Massapoag Trail
Petties Hill Sliding Area
Ice Skating Pond - Deborah Sampson Park
Lighted Outdoor Basketball Court
Memorial Park Beach & Bandstand Area
Community Center Beach & Sailing Docks
School Fields & Track sites

Recreation Advisory Committee

The Sharon Recreation Advisory Committee met on 15 different occasions during 2002 in order to complete their duties & responsibilities as assigned by the town.

The Recreation Department and Advisory Committee wishes to thank member Patrick Terry for his dedicated service over the years. Mr. Terry resigned from the committee due to his family relocating to another community. The town appreciates his numerous contributions to the recreation program in order to improve the quality of life in Sharon.

20th Annual Triathlon

A total of 750 Triathletes participated in the 20th Annual Sharon Triathlon held on Sunday, August 18, 2002 at Memorial Park Beach. Approximately 60 volunteers from the community worked with "Timeout Productions" in order to coordinate a safe event including a swim, bike and run around Lake Massapoag. Lots of support came from police, firefighters, recreation staff, DPW and Timeout Production employees.

Special Recognition Award

Congratulations to George Donovan of Sharon for being selected as the recipient of the special recognition award-2002 as a result of his dedicated service to the Community. George was the former Town Moderator and served for many years as a member of the Board of Selectmen. The Friends of the Summer Concert Series presents this award on an annual basis.

Special Events - 2002

Some of the most popular special events that took place during 2002 include:

Small Fry Fishing Derby

Halloween Costume Parade
All-Night Graduation Party
Rotary Thanksgiving Dinner for seniors
Holiday Parties
These special events were funded by private donations.

Recreation Department-Partner Organizations - 2002

New Friends of the Playground
4th of July Committee
Friends of the Summer Concert Series
Beech Street Park Committee
Sharon Roadrunners Club
Sharon Youth Soccer Association
Sharon Youth Baseball/Softball Association
Sharon Firefighters Association
Friends of the Youth Basketball Association
NRPA National Programs
Skyhawk Sports
Sharon School Department
Southeast Regional School
Sharon DPW
Sharon Garden Club
Forestry & Grounds
Sharon Civil Defense
Sharon Pop Warner Football
Creative Arts Association
Salvation Army
Sharon Police Association
Sharon Community TV
"Time Out Productions"
Conservation Commission

Beach/Boat revenue

The following is a breakdown of the Beach/Boat revenue for the summer of 2002:

Resident Seasonal Beach Stickers: \$39,650.00
Resident Seasonal Beach Tags: \$6,892.00
Non-Resident Seasonal Beach Stickers - Community Center Beach Only:
\$2,340.00
Non-Resident Daily Beach Stickers - Community Center Beach Only:
\$4,034.00
Resident Boat Stickers: \$5,950.00
Non-resident boat stickers: \$4,380.00

Total: \$63,246.00

Dr Walter A. Griffin Playground Looking Good

The New Friends of the Playground met on a number of occasions in 2002 to discuss improvements to the apparatus area at the Dr. Walter A. Griffin playground. Some equipment was removed as a result of not meeting playground safety standards and new equipment was purchased and installed by the friends in 2002. The New Friends of the Playground also designed the plan that

includes apparatus equipment for various age groups. Special thanks go to Steve Savrann and his committee for their dedication to improving the apparatus area.

Annual Rodman Bike Ride

The annual Rodman Bike Ride involving hundreds of bicyclists took place in September with a stop at Memorial Park Beach for rest, music and light refreshments. The organizing committee for the event donated some funds from the bike ride that will go towards the graduation and prom parties at the end of the school year for the "Class of 2003".

Summer Skyhawks Program

Approximately 177 Sharon youngsters participated in the Summer Skyhawks Program that included the following separate activities:

- Basketball
- Baseball
- Soccer
- Flag Football
- Mini-Hawks

Sharon Family Week

The popular Family Week Celebration went off without a hitch from October 6-13, 2002 and included the following events:

Art Festival at the Community Center - Mystery Ride - Fire Department Bon-fire - Conservation Walk - Spaghetti Dinner with Music - Outdoor Concert at the Waterfront - Open-house at all the town buildings - Ice Sculpture at Sapphire Manor - Open-House at the Historical Society Building - Outdoor Festival at the Credit Union.

Landfill Site

A \$250,000 grant was awarded to the Town of Sharon in 2002 from the State Division of Conservation Services to develop the Landfill into a public park for active and passive recreation.

Bandstand

The bandstand at Memorial Park Beach was repaired and painted during the summer of 2002 by the summer staff and DPW employees. Some of the events that took place on the busy bandstand during July and August are as follows:

- Independence Day Celebration
- Summer Concerts (7) featured - Dan Clark, the Singing State Trooper; the Air Force "Band of Liberty"; Jill Martin , young country music singer; and local entertainer Judy Bressler
- Triathlon Ceremonies
- Rothberg Road Race Ceremonies
- Family Week Activities
- School Events
- Flag Day Ceremonies

SHARON COUNCIL ON AGING

FULL-TIME STAFF: Norma Simons Fitzgerald, LICSW, Executive Director;
Nancy Weiner, Administrative Assistant

PART-TIME STAFF: Susan Edinger, LICSW, Case Manager/Coordinator of Client &
Volunteer Services; Linda Pirretti, Transportation Coordinator/ Receptionist;
Victor Esterman, Mini-Bus Driver; Bruce McDuff, Van Driver

FUNDED BY OTHER SOURCES: Ruth Adjorlolo, Green Thumb worker

VOLUNTEER OFFICE STAFF: Lenore Watts, Marge Sinman, Fay Kahn, Joan Romanowicz,
Adrienne Newell

SHINE COUNSELORS: Arnold Kublin, Marilyn Stewart

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD

Arnold Kublin, Chair

Ellen Bender

Elliot Feldman

Reuben Herman

Hy Lamb

Sidney Rosenthal, Liaison, Disabilities Commission

Robert Maidman

Sheila Pally

Lillian Savage

Marilyn Stewart

Valerie White

Mission

As part of our Strategic Plan, the COA revised its mission statement to reflect the changing needs of our society:

Whereas:

Medical and technological advances have enabled people to live longer, and,

Whereas:

Living longer should bring enriching and rewarding experiences, The Sharon Council on Aging mission is to enhance the quality of life for its constituency.

The Sharon Council on Aging is organized to:

1. educate the community about aging
2. promote the independence of elders
3. advocate before local government and within the community for the needs of elders
4. design, advocate, and/or implement services to meet these needs and coordinate existing services
5. identify existing resources, build coalitions within the larger community, and make appropriate referrals
6. cooperate with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Area Agency on Aging

The Sharon Council on Aging is presently located in the Sharon Community Center where we have offices and a conference room. COA professional staff are responsible for providing many services such as information, referrals, and assistance as well as shopping, medical, and social transportation, educational, recreational and socialization programs to elders and their families - at a number of sites. The COA hours at the Community Center are Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:30 p.m.

Highlights of 2002

In response to the need for adequate, suitable, and appealing space for programs and services, the Standing Building Committee

has been charged with developing a plan which may allow us to eventually locate a senior center at the Wilbur School along with a new library and Town Hall.

Helped develop a regional, & now statewide, committee to work on problem of rising property taxes. We submitted our first property tax relief initiative to the Senate in December, 2002

Property Tax Work-Off Program - 23 elders provided 1300 hours of service to the town valued at \$8,772 (FY'02)

Cyber Seniors - worked with schools to develop & provide professional computer classes for senior citizens at the high school, using state-of-the-art computers at affordable rates (partial scholarships available through FSCOA)

Awarded Bus Grant - \$44,492 to pay 80% of new minibus, enabling town to purchase replacement van without additional funds.

Ethnic Lunch & Wellness Program: Grant rolled over for 2nd year & nominated for state award; also chosen as Innovative Program by Gerontology Society of America.

Largest & most well known Men's Club through-out the state; provides weekly community education/socialization & almost daily activities for up to 300 men; many programs open to general public

COA Men's Club & FSCOA - purchased defibrillator for Community Center; Women's Club (Young at Heart) also contributed.

Established affiliation with TRIAD (Norfolk County Sheriff's Office, COA, Sharon Fire & Police Depts.); awarded \$1000 for programs to enhance safety of elders including "Are You Okay?" computerized telephone check at no cost to town.

Established Vial of Life program with Fire & Health Depts. &

Carrier Alert Program with US Post Office

Transportation: 7288 one way trips provided

Added weekly trip to Sharon Center without added cost

Information and referral services: 13269 units

Volunteers: 10,264 hours \$157,963 value 128 volunteer

Friends of Sharon Council on Aging awarded funds for emergency assistance to elders, subsidies for a number of programs, and the monthly mailing of the **Sundial** to persons 60 and over, and much more...

SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders): 200+ seniors

The Council on Aging is grateful for their ongoing support: FSCOA (Friends of the Sharon COA), Temple Israel, Congregational Church, HESSCO, Executive Office of Elder Affairs (Formula

Grant), Sharon Rotary, Sharon Schools, Starbucks, Shaw's, other town departments, the Housing Authority, Stony Brook Court, Sharon Community Cable, and other organizations in the area.

Contact the COA at www.townofsharon.net or EMAIL us at sharonmacoa@fastdial.net. Phone: V/TTY/TDD: 781-784-8000

FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF DENNIS F. MANN
Secretary Ann LaChapelle

DEPUTY CHIEF STEVEN O. CUMMINGS
Secretary Karen Taylor

Fire Department Members

Group I

LT. John McLean
FF/EMT Daniel Willis
FF/EMT David Martin
FF/EMTP Richard Murphy
FF/EMTP William Morrissey

Retired in 2002

*LT. Charles Healy
*FF/EMT Paul Spender
*Both remain as
call members

Group II

LT. Bryant Simpson
FF/EMT Robert Dubois
FF/EMT Burton Cummings
FF/EMTP Ted Lambert
FF/EMTP Thomas Kenvin

Group III

LT. Michael Greenfield
FF/EMT John VanVaerenewyck
FF/EMT Gerald McNamara
FF/EMTP Michael Rychlik
FF/EMTP James Davenport

Call Department

Alan Watterson
Gary Kamp
Gordon Hughes
James Lindberg

Group IV

LT. Paul Fleming
FF/EMT Timothy Earley
FF/EMT John Guidod
FF/EMTP Michael Kelleher
FF/EMTP Kevin Binnall

Breakdown of incidents 2002

Fires in structures	9	Stove Fires	19
Electrical Problems	97	Heating Problems	12
Reported Vehicle Fires	32	Outside Fires	28
Haz-Mat Incidents	46	Natural Gas/Propane	32
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	36	Alarm Activation's	213

Incidents responded to 2002

All Unit Box Alarms	114
Still Calls	721
Aid Calls	665
Ambulance	<u>1369</u>
Total	2869

The Sharon Fire Department conducted over 710 inspections in 2002.

Equipment Condition

Engine #1	2001	excellent	Ambulance	2002	excellent
Engine #2	1995	good	Ambulance	1995	fair
Engine #3	1992	good	Car 1 Chief 4x4	2001	excellent
Ladder #1	1994	good	Car 2 Deputy	1997	good
Squad #1	1996	good	Car 3 4x4	1993	poor/fair
Squad #2	1988	good	Car 4 Staff	1997	poor
Tanker #1	1987	fair	Military Tanker	1969	poor/needs rehab

The Department saw two firefighters; Lt. Charles Healy (37 years) and FF. Paul Spender (32 years) retire this year. The town benefitted in several ways from their retirement. They both were retained as call firefighters, saving the town a great deal of money in training and equipment costs, it increased the call staff to six men and they were replaced by paramedic/firefighters bringing our paramedic staff to 10. Our goal is to have 12 paramedics, three per shift. The new firefighters received 10 weeks of intense training, in firefighting, courtesy of the

Brockton Fire Department training division. The training is considered the equivalent of 10 years of experience on a suburban fire department. The department staffing remains level at five men per shift. With two shifts having two paramedics and the other two shifts having three.

Firefighter John McLean (16 years.) was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, and paramedics William Morrissey and Michael Carney were hired to replace the retired members. Lightning struck mid year and the department saw two of its newly hired paramedics resign and take positions with higher paying towns. The department was able to hire paramedic James Davenport, of Brockton, from the last exam process. Kevin Binnall, from Newton, was hired as a temporary employee to bring the department back up to strength until a new exam process can be held.

The Sharon Fire Department Ambulance Service experienced an 18% increase in transports in 2002. The department responded to 1470 calls for ambulance service resulting in 895 transports. The Sharon Fire department received a new ambulance in March. While mutual-aid ambulance service given to other towns only increased by 2%, mutual aid service requested by Sharon decreased by almost 50%. This fact is attributed to the use of Sharon's back-up ambulance. Our second ambulance was called into action 50 times in the last six-month period of the year due to back to back calls. Sharon continues to be the leader in the local area with full paramedic services.

Training continues to be a high priority and the department's goal is to have all new hire's attend the State Fire Academy for 11 weeks of training. Paramedic James Davenport, our newest member, is waiting for the next available opening. Training topics throughout the year included ice rescue, biological weapons, hazardous material awareness, assisting paramedics, CPR, and a 24-hour mandatory EMT refresher course. Many departments have come together for training and the town received start-up accreditation for forming a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). A unique, two part training course on "team building and empowerment" was delivered to the department by Sharon resident, Nitsan Gaibel. Chief Mann and FF. Tim Earley received training to be instructors for an intervention program that addresses youth firesetting, called the Norfolk Firewall Partnership. The Sharon Fire dept. was instrumental with assisting Norfolk County District Attorney, William R. Keating, with establishing this multi-agency coalition to deal with this issue.

The department received a Public Safety Grant from the State, in the amount of \$31,000, that will be used to upgrade the town's radio system. The department has had to scale back community wide fire safety education programs because of a cut of \$4,390 in the State "SAFE" budget. Despite this cut the department will try to reallocate some money to this important function.

Sharon Firefighters were active in community events throughout the year. The firefighters sponsored the carnival at Deborah Sampson Park and the Halloween parade. Papa Gino's sponsored the open house at the fire station during family week. Fire educators participated in fire safety at the Horizon's For Youth Camp open house. Paramedics supplied medical services at the July 4th road race as well as the Triathlon. Firefighters provided fire safety for the July 4th fireworks presentation and family week mini bonfire. Firefighters assisted teaching CPR to 75 school staff and 240 High School seniors. The vile of life program was also formed for residents with medical problems.

In 2002, Sharon residents experienced 9 fires in structures but only one serious one. The fire at 53 Billing Street, a two-family house, forced one family to relocate because of the severe damage. There were no personal injuries to any firefighters at these fires but one occupant suffered minor burns. Sharon firefighters assisted Canton, Stoughton, Foxborough, Walpole and Easton a total of 37 times throughout the year. Sharon firefighters responded as far as Southbridge, for a large fire at a landfill site, as part of a task force.

The Sharon Fire Department would like to remind everyone in the community that fire safety is never ending. Residents had numerous fires, which were small in nature but had the potential to be serious. Appliances such as stoves and dryers left unattended or poorly maintained, was the leading cause of fires in structures. Outside fires increased significantly in 2002. The department appreciates the numerous donations and thank you letters that we received from the community throughout the year. As always, we stand ready to serve you knowing that we have your support. The community must act together to achieve a common goal of safety and well being for all, especially in the year ahead, when State and local governments face severe budget deficits.

**Sharon Public Library &
Board of Trustees of the Sharon Public Library**

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Another year has hurriedly passed all of us by but not without noticeable change at the Sharon Public Library.

The biggest change confronting the Library this past year was dealing with the loss of \$35,000 from our operating budget. After lengthy discussion and with great reluctance, the solution least disruptive to overall services and the most cost effective was the elimination of Sunday hours. While it was one of the busier days in terms of foot traffic it was also the most costly day to operate as contractually employees working on Sunday were paid at a rate of time and a half. As a result of this loss of hours, the Library had to reduce and eliminate some staffing hours as well.

In spite of the monetary loss, a visitor to the Library will still find familiar and friendly faces providing top-notch library services.

The Library increasingly serves as a technology or computer center for many residents. This service is two-fold with the Library providing direct Internet access via a number of computer terminals in the building and by providing many library services directly through the Library's webpage. The in-house resources range from the library's online catalog to reference databases to

word processing to the vastness of the worldwide web. By visiting the Library online at www.SharonPublicLibrary.org, a visitor can avail him/herself of many services from the comfort of home that were once available only by physically coming into the building. Highlights of the newly revamped website include, quick access to the online catalog, easy renewal of library materials, the form necessary to reserve the community room, library hours and policies, listings of new items in the collections, upcoming programs, and so much more. The Sharon Public Library is never truly closed! Finally, the Library has teamed with amazon.com; by visiting our website and linking to amazon.com via the icon on our homepage, up to 5% of what you spend comes back to benefit the Library - just make sure the link to amazon.com is via our webpage before you begin shopping.

The Library remained cramped for space and the Trustees continued its work with the Sharon Standing Building Committee. The Trustees and library staff have been and will continue to work closely with the Council on Aging, Town Hall, and the relevant committees and architects in the coming months ensuring that the Library's space needs are met in a redesigned Wilbur School. In the interim, the Library continues to work towards meeting the public's demand for popular materials and the public's need for space squeezing additional shelving throughout the building to accommodate its growing collections.

The Library newsletter, *Between the Lines*, continues to publish quarterly and offers a calendar of events, lists new acquisitions, stories of interest about the library, a Q&A column called 'Ask Babs', and many other quirky, yet interesting library facts. We are happy to add that the newsletter has even served as a recruitment tool with people coming into the library for the first time because of something they read in the newsletter. Pick up a copy the next time you are in the Library or watch for a copy in your mailbox with each new season.

A successful adopt-a-book fund drive, museum pass program, book buddy program (delivery of books to homebound individuals), and library programs (both adult and juvenile interest) have once again proven how remarkable the volunteer-driven Friends of the Sharon Public Library really are. The Friends continued to work for the betterment of the Library by providing funds for the purchase of more children's books, audio/visual materials, reference books, and many countless other purchases. Our hats are off to this fantastic group for a mission accomplished...again and again!

In addition to staff efforts, volunteers remained integral to the success of the Library. The Friends have recruited volunteers for and maintain the outreach program, Book Buddies, which pairs a volunteer and a home-bound individual together for library service and companionship. Elaine Scheier and Minna Katz have been making telephone calls to notify patrons that their requested materials have arrived in the library. Carol Lehman

worked as book-mender and Bernice Levine, Peter Goldberg, and Ileen Heller have been gracious enough to assist the Library in making new books shelf-ready. Norman Mayer continued to work hard maintaining order in the oft-unorganized magazine and newspaper collections and Sheila Gough worked hard to bring order to the bookshelves by putting materials in call number order. And in the children's room, Kwaku Acheampong, Shifra Andelman, Nancy Lohmiller, Garbriella Spitzer, Rashmi Venkatesh, Rohan Venkatesh, Bethany Matthew, Akshay Sanan, Patrick Jones, Tommy Tose, Jennifer Sirkin, Mary Sirkin, Nadine Dyen, Allison Hayes Rutley, Deloros Orkin, Bill Gilson, Veena Teli and Mrs. G are to be commended for their commitment to making the children's room a more inviting space. Our thanks go out to those mentioned above and to all those other individuals who have contributed in one way or another over the past year to help make the Library the success that it is.

The Library has been the proud recipient of various gifts over the past year. Most notably, Francis Fox, a long time Sharon resident, helped jumpstart the Library's newly-established endowment fund with a sizable gift given in memory of his late wife, Cynthia; the library's community room has been christened as the Cynthia B. Fox Community Room. If anyone is interested in making a tax-deductible contribution to the new endowment fund please contact the library for more details. In addition, throughout the year, many library users made donations of materials from their own personal libraries that have supplemented our book, audio and video collections. Our thanks to all of you!

As in years past, the Trustees focused on their responsibilities of dealing with Library priorities, policies, personnel issues, and medium- and long-range goals and objectives. Working closely with the Director, the Trustees continually re-evaluated many of these items, recognizing that change is a major factor in managing any organization. And as in past years, the Trustees appreciate the strong support that Town residents have given to the Sharon Public Library.

BORDERLAND STATE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL
Jean Santos, Sharon Representative

During the past year the state Department of Environmental Management, which administers the park system, tried to set into motion a policy of charging parking fees to all who park vehicles in the state park confines. The State, which is going through a period of reduced revenues, is seeking additional monies. A projected schedule was drawn up, including \$2 fee for one day, \$35 for an annual permit and other amounts. When the news of this plan was released, a meeting was held with the DEM and the advisory council. It was decided to put off implementation until more public input could be gathered.

The park is visited by more and more people each year. Despite the increase in numbers, Superintendent Bob Babineau has had to reduce costs. For example, in fiscal year '98, \$222,000 was budgeted for the park; in 2003, the budget was reduced to \$175,000 and probably will be reduced further. Five full-time employees were reduced to four, and three summer workers were reduced to one. Shirley Webber, an office clerk, who updated and transformed the Borderland office, decided to retire and will not be replaced.

The roofing repairs were finally completed and some rooms required painting because of damage done by the roofers. The project took about four times as long as estimated by the company. U.V. Protective Coating was applied to the windows on the south and west sides of the mansion at a cost of over \$9,600 paid for by the Friends of Borderland. Seventeen storm windows had to be removed, repaired, reglazed and painted by Wayne Simmons of the park staff.

The Friends of Borderland, under the leadership of President David Ireland, continued to delight the community with dozens of events, including the first Blanche Ames Regional Art Competition in October. Over 800 people viewed the multimedia show which attracted competitors from all over New England. Norma Urban of Sharon and Robert Bendt acted as curators. A fish festival was held in September with prizes for everyone.

Other popular events were the Whale balloon that children could enter to learn about whales as part of Sharon's family week, the plant sale in spring, a gala fund-raising ball combined with a silent auction, Poe night, holiday bell-ringers, a harvest festival and all the usual tours, outdoor and indoor concerts, nature hikes, a golf clinic, astronomy nights, and picnics. Ellenor Yahrmarkt provided countless hours and dozens of special programs especially geared to children's interests.

The Junior Rangers painted picnic tables, weeded, raked and installed signs in the heat of July and August. They placed an interpretive panel at the Tisdale site on Bay Road. Five

Americorps trail workers from all over the U.S. built a new boardwalk, improved markers on trails, and installed a fishing pier. The *Girls in Science* program, sponsored with the Children's Museum in Easton, helped young women to learn more about meteorology, wildlife, dentistry, pediatrics and science careers. The bluebird project continued successfully and the disc golf course was launched.

If anyone is interested in a position as tour and volunteer organizer, or as a regular tour guide, we would like to hear from you. Questions or comments, call the Sharon representative (784-5835) or the park office (508-238-6566).

Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee

Wayne P. Southworth, Chairman

The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee held 11 meetings during the year. The meetings are rotated within one of the five Member Communities of Easton, Sharon, Foxborough, Mansfield, and Norton

The meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month between 1:00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m.

Taryn LaScola of the Mass. Department of Food & Agriculture continued to work with our Committee, attending many meetings within the five communities and setting up displays throughout the year at a variety of seminars and events.

She developed a helpful manual "Water Well Being" which provides information about responsible pesticide and fertilizer use. Funding for this booklet was provided by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Source Water Assessment Program. Their new Website is www.mass.gov/waterwellbeing.

Pat Rogers, DEM Taunton River Watershed leader, worked with the Committee throughout the year updating us on the progress of the \$50,000 Project by Horsley & Witten Inc.

A presentation was made by Patty Daley and Neil Price from Horsley & Witten outlining the five tasks of their project:

1. Identify and map priority study areas along the Canoe River System
2. Water quality sampling and water flow measurement
3. Developing model ordinances for municipalities in the Canoe River Watershed
4. Develop recommendations for emergency planning and operations for water supply
5. Developing educational materials for the Canoe River Aquifer

Fred Watson did an excellent job in organizing and setting up for our Annual Awareness Day on May 18, 2002 at the Norton Water Works on Plain Street, but Mother Nature provided us with a torrential rain storm limiting those in attendance.

Alyson Walsh of Sharon gave a presentation on Brown Fields to the Committee.

Jim Zoppo, owner of American Landscape/Sharonview Nurseries, has offered to assist us in educating the public on proper lawn care techniques on his radio talk show on WRKO AM 680 on Sunday morning between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. He will work with Dave Masciarelli to produce a video on drought resistant grass and water techniques for landscaping.

Leonard Flynn and Jen Carlino continued their fine work on our Green Belt Project. Much time was spent on the proposed 186 Acre Transfer of State D.P.W. land along Route 495 to the Town of Norton. The Town of Norton purchased the Lincoln Woods 70 acre parcel, which is within the Aquifer.

Wayne Southworth was invited to speak at the Carver Town Hall by Bill Napolitano of the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District to a group of officials from Plymouth, Wareham, and Carver who are trying to protect the Plymouth Aquifer from over development.

THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Sidney J. Rosenthal, Ph.D., Chair, Renee Gordon, Vice-chair
Shirley Brownstein, Florence Finkel, Leslie Kriger, Chickie Monahan, Robert Nichol, Donna Ring, Robert Sondheim,
Ex officio: Norma Simons Fitzgerald, Director, Council on Aging

During 2002 the Commission met on nine different occasions during the year in order to discuss issues relevant to the disabled community. All meetings were held at the Community Center. Additional site visitations and inspections were also made to facilities and businesses throughout the town.

1. The Commission is monitoring the development of the Wilbur School project and will review final plans to insure accessibility.
2. A special wheelchair allowing the disabled to enter the water was donated to the Recreation Department for use at the town beach. The wheelchair was purchased using funds from the Commission's ticket fund.
3. The handicap ramps to the MBTA station from the Depot Street bridge are still under construction and will be completed in the Spring. Lobbying by the Commission resulted in a design change for the better. Several handicap-parking spaces have

been added to bring the parking lot into compliance. There is still no timetable for reconstruction of the station itself.

4. The problem concerning waste dumpsters in the handicap spaces at the Post Office Square parking lot has been resolved.
5. Complaints regarding access at several town businesses have been resolved.
6. The Commission reviewed the plans for the renovation of Memorial Beach and for Beech Tree Park.
7. The Commission is participating in the TRIAD-SALT project with the Council On Aging.
8. Complaints received about accessibility in the Library, Police Department, and Our Lady Of Sorrows proved to be unfounded.
9. Letters were sent to all Sharon religious institutions urging them to install assistive listening devices and large print prayer books, etc.
10. Regional meetings of area commissions were held in Quincy and Medford and were attended by Commission members.
11. A grant was made to the Best Buddies Program at the H.S. from the Ticket Fund to facilitate its organization.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Colleen Tuck, Chair
Paul Pietal & William Heitin, Vice Chairs
David Grasfield, Clerk
Sandra Atlas-Gordon Paul Bergeron Marc Bluestein
David Fixler Thomas Gillen Charles Goodman
David Hearne Daniel Sirkin
Carol C. Garza, Administrative Secretary

In preparation for Town Meetings, the Finance Committee reviewed the Town's finances and the departments' budgets and, in keeping with its charge, held public hearings to review all Warrant Articles. The Finance Committee's recommendations were printed in the Warrant. At the Town Meetings, the Finance Committee made the initial motion for each Article and advocated for its position. During calendar year 2002, the Finance Committee held hearings for all Warrant Articles presented at Town Meetings held in May.

In addition to Town Meeting and financial oversight responsibilities, the Finance Committee performed several other important functions. The Committee managed department requests for emergency transfers of money from the Town's Reserve Fund. The Committee has responsibility for the budgets of the Library, Town Clerk, Planning Board, Conservation Commission and several other committees and boards that come under its purview. Through its liaison system and representation on the Capital Outlay and Priorities Committees, the Finance Committee exercised oversight of all departments and committees.

Finance Committee members also provided assistance to other town boards. David Grasfield is a member of the Town Personnel Board. David Fixler is a member of the Government Study Committee. David Hearne is a member of the Water Advisory Board and attends the Sharon Standing Building Committee meetings. Charles Goodman, David Grasfield and David Hearne worked with members of the School Committee to provide input during their budget preparations for Fiscal Year 04. In addition, the Finance Committee initiated a long-range planning process, including representatives of all town boards and committees. With the assistance of resident Manny Elkind, president of MindTech, we organized into three smaller groups to focus on financial forecasting and planning; demographics and land use; and capital spending and debt. We appreciate Manny's help and expertise in beginning this collaborative effort.

All members of the public are invited to attend the Finance Committee's meetings. Meeting dates and agendas are posted in Town Hall and listed on cable Channel 22. In an effort to better inform residents and to encourage their participation, the Finance Committee's meetings are televised on the local cable television station. "It's Your Money," a column written by Finance Committee members, appears frequently in the Sharon Advocate. Residents are also encouraged to email questions and comments to SharonFinCom@Yahoo.com.

Government Study Committee

George Bailey
David Fixler
Dennis Friedman
David Hearne

Andrew Nebenzahl
Leonard Segal
Patricia Zlotin
Anne Carney, Chairman

The Government Study Committee was reconstituted in 2001 and met ten times during 2002. Its first set of recommendations was submitted to the Selectmen in November 2002. The list of recommendations dealt with items that the committee felt would make the running of town government more efficient. One recommendation would have the town election follow the annual town meeting. This would allow the current selectmen to follow through on articles that they had been involved in. It would

also allow discussion on override questions prior to the ballot vote on them. Other recommendations address holding a special town meeting in the fall to address major zoning issues and having the annual meeting deal primarily with budget and other money articles. Another recommendation would have town meetings start at 7 PM rather than 8 PM. Other ideas would have the Moderator decide on limiting the amount of time for discussion of articles and the number of consecutive evenings for town meetings. Another proposal would have the town and school sides meet with the finance committee as soon as revenue projections are made and meetings should continue as new revenue projections become available. The committee also encouraged more use of the town's web site to get information out to the public.

During 2003 the committee will be studying other forms of governance such as representative town meeting or council to see if there might be a better and/or more efficient way to cope with the complex issues facing Sharon today.

SHARON HISTORICAL COMMISSION AND SHARON HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION

Shirley H. Schofield, Chair
Gordon H. Hughes, Vice-Chair
W. Reese Schroeder, Secretary
Herbert L. Gagnon, David A. Martin, Robert S. Young

During the past year three of our long-time members resigned at the end of their terms. David Nelson, our previous vice-chair, Clista Dow, secretary, and Betty Van Meter. We wish to express our grateful appreciation to each of them for their time, effort and dedication given in undertaking the tasks asked of the Commission members over the years to preserve the history of Sharon. We thank each of them for their endeavors. The Board of Selectmen has appointed three new members to the Commission. We welcome Reese Schroeder, Robert Young and David Martin. Each one brings his own expertise and enthusiasm to the Commission. At this time there are openings for two individuals who would be interested in serving as alternates.

This past year the Commission discussed its concern over the outside appearance and grounds of some of our pre-1850 homes which had been inventoried by the Commission several years ago. These houses, although not listed in the National Historic Register, are homes of local historic interest.

Members are updating the list of inventoried pre-1850 homes which was first done in the late 1960s. The updated list will include the name of the present homeowner. We also are documenting, by

photographing, any structure intended to be demolished. This will give us a permanent record of "what once was there".

One member visited the Norfolk County Commissioners' office in Dedham to talk with the surveyor and engineer who enlightened us on the status of the undeveloped section of Old Post Road. The Commission is still trying to pursue the issue of making it "An Historical Way" to preserve the last remaining original wooded section of Old Post Road that dates back to the 1630s.

Approval was given to the new owners of Cobb's Tavern on Bay Road to install new roof shingles. Cobb's Tavern, being listed in the National Register of Historic Places - and in its own Historic District II - must have approval or disapproval by the Commission before any work can be done on the exterior of the structure. Stoneholm on Ames Street is another structure listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sharon Housing Authority

Ray Wallace, Chairperson
Deborah Markson, Vice Chairperson
Arnold Kublin, Treasurer & State Appointee
Jack Connors, Assistant Treasurer
Irene Scott, Secretary
Jane Desberg, Executive Director
Jill King, Administrative Assistant
Stanley Preibis, Maintenance Supervisor
Erick Nelson, Maintenance

The Sharon Housing Authority is dedicated to providing low-income housing for the public with preference for residents of Sharon. The Authority provides eighty-eight apartments for elderly and disabled citizens at the Hixson Farm Road complex, six apartments for families at the former Pleasant Street School and a residential facility on Bay Road which is leased on a long term basis to the May Center. The Authority also holds six Alternative Housing Vouchers. This is a rental assistance program in the form of transitional vouchers that provides a housing option for non-elderly disabled persons. The Authority's funding comes from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Authority, working with the Fire Department, Council on Aging and Board of Health implemented the Vial of Life program for its residents. This is a voluntary program that allows emergency personnel to have access to resident medical information.

During 2002, the Authority began working on the repaving modernization project using funds from a state grant. The project scope of work includes repaving of walkways and roadways on Hixson Farm Road. This work will be completed once the septic system on Hixson Farm Road has been replaced.

The Authority has been awarded grant money for construction projects associated with the fire alarm system at 26 Hixson Farm Road. In addition, the Authority has also been awarded a planning grant to prepare a Capital Improvement Plan. No time schedule has been set for these two projects.

During the summer, the Authority completed the exterior painting of all the building comprising the Chapter 667-1 development. This work was funded by a state grant.

Family housing residents continue to take advantage of the Department of Housing and Community Development Rent Escrow Program. However, due to budget constraints this program is currently frozen and no new participants are being accepted.

Every two years, the family, elderly/handicapped and AHVP waiting lists are updated. The Authority adopted the new income limits in accordance with the Regulations for Eligibility of State-Aided Housing.

The housing authority gratefully acknowledges the generosity of many organizations in town including the Council on Aging, The Friends of the Council on Aging, The Sharon Garden Club, Sharon Police and Dispatch Association and The Sharon Community Band. Thank you also to the residents of Sharon for their contributions throughout the year, especially books, magazine and audio tapes for the library.

Activities at the community building include a bingo and social hour on Monday afternoons and a coffee hour hosted by the Council on Aging on Wednesday mornings. The community building is also used on a regular basis for English as a Second Language and Citizenship classes.

Deborah Markson, longstanding State Appointee and board member resigned due to her relocation. The Authority recognizes Ms. Markson's dedication and years of service to the Sharon Housing Authority. Edwin Little was appointed by Acting Governor Swift to complete the unexpired term of the State Appointee position.

The Executive Director has been appointed to serve on the Sharon Local Emergency Planning Committee. The Maintenance Mechanic, Stanley Preibis suffered severe injuries in a truck accident and will not be returning to work. The Authority recognizes the dedication and service Mr. Preibis provided the Authority during his many years of service.

Long Range Planning Task Force: Final Report

George Bailey, Chair; Patricia Zlotin; Philip Kopel; Sam Solomon
(Planning Board)
with assistance of Katherine Roth

The report of the Task Force - essentially a review of the Town's past efforts in planning, including descriptions of current planning; the role of the Master Plan; a survey of town boards and committees; the role of the Planning Board; newer planning concepts; historic and economic perspectives; a bibliographical listing of Open Space, Housing, Economic Development; Transportation, "Master Plans", Water, Sewage, and population studies; Federal, State, and Regional objectives; followed by a recapitulation of Town Planning Resources currently available.

The report should be available for review on the town's website (www.townofsharon.net) in 2003 as well as the library and town hall. The Finance Committee initiated a series of meetings to address Capital and Operational Planning this fall and the Planning Board is also developing a plan for housing and open space in conjunction with the state and region's EO418 process.

The task force wishes to thank the Selectmen for their support as well as citizens and town officials who have given time to reviewing the work of the task force.

Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority

George B Bailey

The MBTA completed its first Fiscal year under "Forward Funding" in June with a small reserve or "surplus" -- required under the legislation so that the high level of debt service (30% of the 1.1 Billion budget) can be gradually reduced. The "T" now serves an expanded district -- 175 cities and towns (providing a reduced local contribution of 12%); operates on a dedicated Sales Tax revenue (59%); and fares (29%). Sharon continued its membership on the Finance Committee and Capital Planning Committee of the Advisory Board as well as chairing the Commuter Rail Committee.

The MBTA's long range plan called the "Program for Mass Transportation" must be updated every five years. The annual six year Capital Improvement Plan must be taken from the PMT. A fifteen member Working Committee with agency representatives, regional planners and five city and town representatives helped develop the 25 year program for "System preservation" totaling over \$14 billion. The working committee held Monthly meetings with Boston, Chelsea, Somerville, Burlington, and Sharon representing the MBTA District. The PMT is scheduled to be adopted by the Advisory Board in the Spring of 2003. It must be updated again in 2008.

Sharon was represented at 23 meetings related to the MBTA over the year.

The new fiscal plan has forced financial discipline at the MBTA - labor costs increased less than 2% so far this year and a labor agreement was reached which appears more realistic than the last agreement: 0% in FY03, 2% in FY04 and FY05. Sales tax revenues applicable to this year's budget increased as predicted but are now decidedly lower, mandating that the T receive no more assistance than in the previous year. This is a grim prospect since the working group that worked out the formula for "forward funding" assumed much more hopeful "worst case" financial scenarios. Coupled with a disinterested national administration, the next two years may be a great challenge for public transport.

The positive impact of the 1970's transport plan that resulted in the greatly expanded MBTA of today has had a corresponding effect on the core city -- reversing the decades-long downward population trend. A vigorous business sector also owes much to the arterial transport system which has typified the last 25 years. An Urban Ring linking the arterials is the next major step for mass transportation in the Boston region.

**Metropolitan Area Planning Council
Three Rivers Interlocal Council
George B. Bailey, Representative**

The Regional Planning Council -- an advisory body in all areas of regional growth except for its role in transportation funding allocation -- went through a major readjustment in 2002. Mid year, the Council for the first time in 15 years was without an Executive Director. After a professional search, Marc Draisen, a former state representative and advocate for housing and economic development with an MS in Urban Planning from MIT was hired. He assumed direction in November.

The Council's regional planning recommendations have hitherto been developed in a program called METROPLAN, annually accepted by the representatives attending the annual meeting. The plan is seldom considered seriously by either towns in the region or state government (both legislative and Executive) except when seeking or making planning or construction grants. Because METROPLAN is necessarily general, conformance is usually claimed. To broaden the support for regional planning, a process called the Boston Regional Visioning Project began with a Boston College Seminar Breakfast on May 22 attended by nearly 500 persons active in government, business, and the non-profit sector in the region. This was followed by a series of meetings of about 50 or so who agreed to become members of the Process Design Team with the objective of developing a new collaborative approach to address

issues of regional significance. The next phase should begin in the Spring of 2003. Funding for the project is being sought outside the MAPC budget. Sharon's participation in this program will continue.

The MAPC's dependence on grants, largely from State government, made its fiscal condition critical when the recession curbed discretionary spending in 2001. MAPC staff was cut and efforts were undertaken to expand fee-based services such as joint purchasing. This function, it should be noted, would be of little benefit to Sharon which has been in such a consortium with towns in the Southeast sector for several years.

During the past year the goal of the town's representative continues to use the regional agency as a means for informing town government on regional trends. Among these have been the implementation of Executive Order 418, a joint planning effort available for towns with up to \$30,000 funded jointly by state agencies EOEA, DCD, and MHD and administered in the region by MAPC. At the end of the year 27 cities and towns in the region, including Sharon's Planning Board had been certified for the program.

The town's representative is a member of the reconstituted Legislative Committee, the new Committee on Economic Development, and the Finance Committee as well as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee. In addition, beginning in July, Sharon serves as Chair of TRIC, the subregional group of thirteen towns, meeting monthly. This meeting usually includes a representative of the Central Transportation Staff who provides updates on the Regional Transportation Plan (funding highway projects such as the North and South Main Street reconstruction about to get underway and, future projects such as Norwood Street, Bay Road, and Massapoag Avenue as well as the Central Artery, Route 128 Add-A-Lane). At the December meeting, Sharon's Geographic Information System was presented to TRIC members.

There were 41 MAPC or TRIC meetings over the year at which Sharon was represented. Two Environmental Reviews were addressed: a strongly supportive review of the Fall River- New Bedford MBTA commuter rail extension via Stoughton was sent to EOEA Secretary in July and a request for a Town-wide Wastewater Study was referred to Sharon town departments in December.

Lake Management Study Committee

Cliff Towner, Chair
Mike Baglino, Vice-Chair
Amanda Sloan, Clerk
David Deitz
Richard Kramer
% Walter Newman

During 2002 the Lake Management Committee continued to provide support and consultation as the Memorial Park Beach restoration project completed its first phase and moved into the second phase. With the Committee's encouragement, a Massachusetts Lakes and Ponds Grant of \$25,000 was applied for and received.

The Phase I work included installation of a natural boulder edge to protect tree roots and shoreline grade along the tree area of the beach. Granite steps and plantings of native shrubs were included. A riprap "level spreader," a drainage device, is correcting a problematic storm water gully that had developed on the shore.

Phase II work, for which bids went out at the end of the year, includes restoring the shoreline path to correct drainage and make it handicap accessible, planting of shoreline trees, and installation of benches for the enjoyment of the lake by townspeople. This work will be completed in early spring, 2003.

In the process of conducting a weed survey for the Lake Committee, Aqua Control Technologies discovered Fanwort growing in the South and Fletchers coves. This very aggressive aquarium plant will displace native species of aquatic plants and inhibit swimming and boating.

Through a cooperative effort with the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, D.P.W. and Conservation Commission the Lake was treated several times and follow up surveys indicated the Fanwort has been eliminated.

A follow up survey will be conducted this coming summer.

Walter Newman is coordinating the weed issue and Mike Baglino is managing the Lake testing, Amanda Sloan is continuing with the Memorial Park project and David Deitz and Richard Kramer continue to work on their projects to protect our Lake.

Norfolk County Commissioners

William P. O'Donnell, Chairman
John M. Gillis
Peter H. Collins
NORFOLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Norfolk County:

Norfolk County continues to provide and expand meaningful services to its twenty-eight municipalities. We owe our success to a combination of factors, especially the superb support of our legislators, municipal officials, members of the Norfolk County Advisory Board and our department heads and employees, for performing their jobs in an exemplary manner.

We continue to effectively monitor our financial resources and spending. Our focus continues to be on providing regional services throughout the county. Fiscal year 2002 benefits were as follows:

- Provided county engineering services countywide
- Funded grants to local food pantries
- Funded grants to MMA Consulting Group for regional (fire) dispatch feasibility study within Norfolk County
- Funded Town of Holbrook Summer Youth Program
- Funded grants to D.O.V.E. and R.S.V.P.

The Norfolk County Agricultural High School in Walpole and Wollaston Recreational Facility in North Quincy (home of Presidents Golf Course) continue to be outstanding examples of beautiful and well-maintained county facilities, providing remarkable services to our citizens. Within our 2002 Annual Report publication is provided more detailed information regarding these activities.

As County Commissioners we convey our thanks to everyone who has contributed to our county being the remarkable entity that it is. We especially thank our citizens for allowing us the privilege of serving them.

THE NORFOLK COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

John J. Smith, Director

The operational program of the Project integrates all proven technologies into an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) system of mosquito control and vector management that is rational, environmentally sensitive and cost effective.

All mosquito eggs need water to hatch and to sustain larval growth.

Water Management Projects: An important element of our IPM approach is the management of shallow, standing, stagnant water, and the maintenance of existing flow systems which if neglected can contribute to mosquito breeding. In addition to normal drainage system maintenance, Project personnel advised residents on removal of water holding artificial containers on their property for the purpose of eliminating potential West Nile Virus mosquito breeding habitat.

Drainage ditches checked/cleaned	2,310 feet
Culverts checked /cleaned	38 culverts
Water Management by wide-track backhoes	100 feet

Larval Control: Treatment of mosquito larvae during aquatic development is the next most effective control effort. The products used during these applications were Bti and methoprene.

Spring aerial larvicide applications	1,030 acres
Larval control using briquette & granular applications	5.8 acres
Rain Basin treatments using briquettes	1,862 basins

Adult Control: The suppression of flying adult mosquitoes becomes necessary when they are numerous, annoying, and/or threatening to residents. The product used during these applications was Resmethrin.

Adult control aerosol applications from trucks 2,194 acres

Surveys, inspections, and pre/post monitoring in support of our program include locating and mapping breeding areas, larval and adult collections, and fieldwork evaluations leading to better water management. Due to the increase in West Nile Virus activity in Norfolk County this year the surveillance program has been expanded dramatically. Considerable manpower has been reallocated to these efforts, which is not reflected in this report.

NCMCP received 106 calls from residents for information and assistance.

THE PLANNING BOARD

PHILLIP CHAPMAN, CHAIR
ARNOLD COHEN, VICE CHAIR
REGINA MANISCALCO, CLERK
SAMUEL SOLOMON
JOEL TRAN

BIRUTE ZIAUGRA, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Planning Board met 24 times in public session, held five public hearings and convened two times in Executive Session. There was one definitive subdivision plan submitted and two preliminary plans. The definitive subdivision was approved; one preliminary plan was disapproved and one is still pending. Numerous Form A Plans (Approval Not Required) and Sign Approvals were submitted and acted upon.

The definitive subdivision plan that was submitted for action was:

Gridley Pond Estates - Approved

The preliminary plans submitted were:

King Phillip Estates, Disapproved
Pine Grove Estates, Pending

Additional business included acceptance, reduction and substitution of sureties on subdivisions approved in earlier years; meetings with various developers presenting sketch plans for subdivision guidance; addressing and working on a possible new by-law to further develop the professional district; researching areas within the Town to change the zoning from residential to light industrial or a newly defined professional designation so as to possibly increase the Town's tax base; and addressing numerous other concerns in various subdivisions. The Board also has developed responses to both local and State issues regarding the 40B development process. The need for stronger local control is of concern.

One area that the Board has spent, and continues to spend, time on is the Executive Order 418. The State of Massachusetts has made funds available for a limited time to study long-term master planning for a municipality. Sharon is taking advantage of this State-funded program. The Board has held several Town-wide public hearings, gathering input to develop its vision statement. Several firms were interviewed to potentially act as the Board's

consultant on this matter, with a consultant being hired. The process will continue during 2003 until the final product is complete.

The Board members wish to express their gratitude to Phillip Chapman for his work on the Board and were pleased that Nadine Ostrow was elected to the Board in the spring Town election to replace Mr. Chapman, whose term had ended.

The Board sincerely wishes to express its appreciation and compliments to the other Town Boards, Town employees and the many citizens who have assisted us during the year. In particular, special mention must be made regarding the invaluable contributions made by the Board's Administrative Assistant, Ms. Birute Ziaugra, and the Assistant Town Engineer, Peter O'Cain. Due to their consistent and tireless assistance, the Board has been able to implement its decisions with maximum efficiency and accuracy.

REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mindy M. Kempner, School Committee Member

The Southeastern Regional School District offers 21 vocational/technical training programs at its high school and seven post-secondary programs at its technical institute. On October 1, 2002, 1,163 students were enrolled in the high school and 142 students were enrolled in the technical institute. Sharon had 16 students enrolled in Southeastern.

Southeastern Regional continues to receive grants from a variety of state and federal sources that augment local funds to improve and expand the education services we provide. Southeastern's collaboration with MY TURN, a private non-profit organization based in Brockton, provides students with school-to-career activities.

Southeastern Regional underwent a decennial accreditation evaluation visit by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges during November of last year. Forty-four program review booklets were examined by one of the largest teams assembled. Programs in the high school and technical institute were assessed based on national standards of instruction. Southeastern Regional was granted continued accreditation as a result of the evaluation.

In June of 2002, the high school graduated 218 students, the highest number of graduates in the past ten years. Placement

records indicate that 93% of the Class of 2002 were placed in full-time jobs or had elected to pursue post secondary education.

Participation in Skills USA/VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America), DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America), BPA (Business Professionals of America), and other student organizations, increased as we are looking for a very competitive year ahead where Southeastern students will be recognized for many outstanding achievements. The Southeastern Regional Chapter of Massachusetts Skills USA/VICA was recognized as the outstanding chapter in Massachusetts. Three students competed at the National Business Professionals of America competition.

Program Advisory Committees for every program offered at Southeastern, met in November to discuss and provide recommendations for curriculum, instruction and equipment improvements to allow each program to meet industry standards. These committees, made up of parents, students and industry representatives, met again in April to discuss their conclusions and make recommendations to the Southeastern Regional District School Committee. These recommendations are the basis for the continuing improvement of programs at Southeastern Regional.

Southeastern is committed to expanding its communication with alumni. An Alumni Committee started contacting former graduates to increase connections with the Southeastern Regional Alumni. This results in several Alumni events including a picnic and Homecoming coffee at the Thanksgiving football game, and reunions for several classes were held this year.

The Southeastern Technical Institute offers six full-time day programs for adults. Program offerings include Licensed Practical Nursing, Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, Administrative Office Technology, Computer Programming and Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning. Our programs are certified by the American Dental Association, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing, the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education programs, as well as the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The technical institute has a 95 percent job placement rate.

Technical institute students participate in SkillsUSA/VICA. In the last three years they have captured ten state medals and three national medals.

The Evening School at Southeastern has added a number of new programs/courses including a two evening per week Phlebotomy course, a Personal Computer Specialist A+ Certification course and a number of craft/hobby courses. An active recruitment campaign to find new instructors is ongoing. The technical

institute is providing computer training for all employees in the town of Easton.

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP
Catherine Salisbury, Regional Administrator

During 2002 the SERSG Regional Administrator conducted five cooperative procurements on behalf of member municipalities. In the spring she issued a DPW Supplies and a Paper Supplies IFB and in the fall she issued a DPW Services IFB, a Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Request for Proposals and an Employee Assistance Program Request for Proposals. These cooperative procurements secured competitive prices and resulted in substantial savings for each of the seventeen SERSG member municipalities.

As the March deadline draws closer, SERSG has stepped up the technical assistance that it provides to its members regarding the formulation of a storm water management plan. The SERSG model Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination By-Law has already been adopted by one Town Meeting and approved by the Office of the Attorney General. SERSG will also help with the Notice of Intent, which must be filed, with the EPA by March 10, 2003. All municipal separate storm sewer systems must be permitted by the EPA after this date.

As of September 30, 2002, the Mass. Department of Public Health terminated the contract that it had with the Town of Easton under the Mass. Tobacco Control Program. The grant monies which funded a tobacco control program for a collaborative consisting of the Boards of Health of the Towns of Stoughton, Easton, and Raynham and the City of Taunton ended as of this date. SERSG has been the grant administrator and provided the program services for this collaborative since 1997. Budget cuts at the state level were the reason that most of the local programs were cancelled.

The SERSG Regional Administrator was asked to make a number of presentations during 2002. She spoke at the MMA Annual Conference in January on the topic of managing public rights-of-ways, at the MMA Selectman's Association in June on the benefits of regional groups, and at the Mass. Association of Public Purchasing Officials in May on how to procure natural gas.

2002 will be a transition year for SERSG as we re-allocate time and resources as a result of the end of the Southeastern Regional Services Group Tobacco Control Program ("SERTOOG"). As public funding becomes tighter, SERSG municipalities need the efficiencies and savings which are achieved through the SERSG cooperative procurements and the technical assistance provided by SERSG to deal with federal mandates such as Phase II of the Clean Water Act. The SERSG Board of Directors is working to make the transition a successful one for the program.

**South Norfolk County Association
for Retarded Citizens, Inc. www.sncarc.org
William F. Abel, Ph.D. President**

With funding through the Sharon School Department, the South Norfolk County Association for Retarded Citizens (SNCARC) provides and supports services to citizens of Sharon who are disabled by mental retardation or other developmental disabilities. SNCARC is a private, nonprofit membership-based organization founded in 1954 by local parents. It is today governed by the family members of those individuals we serve.

Our mission is, "To advocate for and provide supports and services to people disabled by mental retardation and other developmental disabilities and to their families."

Supports and services provided by SNCARC to the citizens of Sharon:

Family Support and Respite Care:

SNCARC provides temporary in-home or out-of-home professional care and training for children and adults with developmental disabilities on a planned or emergency basis. It operates after-school and school vacation week programs for children with developmental disabilities. It provides a wide range of support groups for families, and a resource center at our home facility in Westwood.

Family Autism Center:

This program serves individuals with autism and their families with information and referral services, educational services, parent and sibling support groups and a resource library with Internet access.

Social-Recreational Programs:

SNCARC provides special after-school and evening education classes, sports activities, social clubs and events, and special summer programs for children and adults with mental retardation. A principal component of these programs is one-to-one volunteer friendships (citizen advocacy). SNCARC provides transportation services to these activities.

Advocacy:

SNCARC provides specialized education, information and referral services, social support, as well as legal, financial and other consultation support. This program also provides self-advocacy training to individuals and advocacy support to families with members who are disabled by mental retardation.

Clinical Resource Program:

SNCARC provides behavioral and other psychological counseling for children and adults with disabilities and their families. This program provides individual and group education and training in such subjects as sexuality, weight management and social skills.

Residential Management:

SNCARC provides Residential Management Services for residential homes and apartments housing individuals with mental retardation.

Day Habilitation/Prevocational Programs:

SNCARC provides educational and therapeutic services for severely and multiply handicapped adults. The program works to help individuals improve their communication skills, physical well being, domestic and self-care skills, community living skills and social skills. This program includes a component for individuals who are elderly and mentally retarded. Its primary objective is to enable these individuals to continue to maintain their functional and social skills and to meaningfully participate in the life of their community.

Services supported by SNCARC through its affiliate Lifeworks:

Vocational Training and Job Placement Programs:

Lifeworks Employment Services provides vocational rehabilitation for mentally retarded persons age 18 and over. These services include vocational evaluation, work adjustment training, sheltered employment, transitional or supported employment and competitive job placement and follow-up support.

Residential Programs:

Lifeworks Residential Programs provides home-like environments and supervision, care and training in independent living skills, functional academics and social skills. These programs include community residences and supervised apartments (both with 24-hour staffing) and cooperative apartments (with staff assistance less than 24 hours per day).

Sharon residents who wish to visit or learn more about our programs or who wish to request services for someone disabled by mental retardation or other developmental disability should contact us at (781) 762-4001.

Sharon Standing Building Committee

Joel Wolk - Chairman, Timothy Quirk - Vice Chairman

Maureen Doherty - Administrative Assistant

Members

David Belton, Deborah Benjamin, William Croteau, Frederick Clay,
Gordon Gladstone, Steven Kennedy, Linda Lurie, Brian Pariser

The Sharon Standing Building Committee was very active during 2002. Groundbreaking for both the East Elementary School Addition and Renovation project and the Cottage Street Elementary School Addition and Renovation project as well as completion of construction documents for the Sharon Middle School Addition and Renovation project occurred this year.

The \$9.9 million Cottage Street Elementary School Addition and Renovation project started in January 2002 and is scheduled for completion by August 2003. The General Contractor, D. F. Pray Company, did well in completing a critical renovation of six classrooms during the summer on schedule for school opening in September. September 2002 was the construction start for the \$12.6 million East Elementary School Addition and Renovation project scheduled for completion by February 2004. The General Contractor is also D. F. Pray Company and they are expected to meet their schedule commitments. Strekalovsky and Hoit is the Architect and Heery International is the Construction Manager for both projects. The Sharon Standing Building Committee expects to meet the respective appropriation budgets for each project.

The \$34 million (2003 costs) Sharon Middle School Additions and Renovation project completed all design work through construction documents. Design input from the Sharon School Department, Sharon Middle School staff and faculty, Sharon Town Departments and interested citizens allowed the Architect, Kaestle Boos Associates, to develop an excellent design that satisfies the educational needs of the Town as well as being cost effective. Heery International was the Construction Manager during this design phase. The completed documents were presented to the Sharon School Committee in December for their further action.

Acting in our role as the Designer Selection Board, the Sharon Standing Building Committee advertised for and selected architects for the \$16 million (2003 costs) Wilber Municipal Building project that was funded for design only. STV Incorporated in association with Butler Bennett Architects, Inc. and Courtstreet Architects, Inc. will be preparing design development documents that will convert the vacant school building into a facility which will be occupied by a Senior Center, the Sharon Public Library and Sharon Municipal Offices.

Three permanent members were added to the Sharon Standing Building Committee in 2002, Deborah Benjamin, Linda Lurie and Brian Pariser. The following associate voting members, representing various project proponents, were also added: Donald Gilligan-School Committee, Arnold Kublin-Council on Aging, Richard Rice-Municipal Offices and Robert Levin-Library Trustees. The Sharon Standing Building Committee office is staffed with a part time Administrative Assistant to keep financial and administrative records at its permanent location at the Sharon Community Center

VETERANS GRAVES

Paul R. Bergeron, Veterans' Graves Officer

Veteran Gravesites were visited during the year. For Memorial Day a flower plant was placed at each veteran's grave. Throughout the year a small United States Flag was flown over each veteran grave located at Rock Ridge and Town of Sharon Cemeteries.

Maintenance of the various Town of Sharon cemetery grounds was the responsibility of the Sharon Department of Public Works. The Rock Ridge Cemetery was maintained in an excellent manner by the grounds staff of the Rock Ridge Cemetery Association.

The placement of flowers and replacement of the United States Flags was accomplished by volunteers from the Sharon American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Auxiliary, Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sons of the American Legion, and Girl and Boy Scouts. Various individuals who were not veterans also participated.

The Sharon Jewish War Veterans coordinated with the Sharon Memorial Cemetery staff for placement of United States Flags at the veteran grave sites in that cemetery for Memorial Day.

VETERAN'S SERVICES

PAUL R. BERGERON, DIRECTOR

Veterans and or their family members were provided Veteran Services consisting of information, referral and veteran entitlements. The service was oriented toward the goal of obtaining veterans benefits offered by the state and federal government. The applications consisted of one or a combination of entitlements related to medical care, hospitalization, insurance, burial allowance, grave markers, educational opportunities, home loans, pensions, correction of military records and other veteran benefits.

Financial aid and or counsel was given by the Veteran's Agent to Sharon resident veterans who had a need and met the Commonwealth of Massachusetts guidelines. Arrangements were made with other agencies for those who did not meet the state criteria.

There were a limited number of columns published in the Veterans Advisory column of the Sharon Advocate. The purpose of the articles was to inform veterans and the community of veteran's issues and activities. However, the editor appears to have need for the column space.

Memorial Day activities were held the Sunday prior to Memorial Day and will continue to be held on that day in the future. The activities

consisted of a grave site service held at Rock Ridge Cemetery and a civic ceremony conducted in front of the Town Hall.

Prior to the civic ceremony, there was a short parade through the center of Sharon. At the Town Hall, a student from each of the elementary schools read their essay about Memorial Day.

A Flag Day Ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was done the evening of June 14, 2002 at the Sharon Community Center due to rain. An excellent musical program by elementary and middle school students followed the ceremony.

On November 11, 2002, Veteran's Day a Bridge Dedication in memory of Lance Corporal Daniel Dabreu United States Marine Corp. was conducted. Lance Corporal Dabreu entered the U.S.M.C. from Sharon, MA. on May 31, 1967. He was killed in action June 4, 1968 while on an operation in Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam while serving his country.

The ceremony commenced at 2:15 P.M. on the Boston trackside of the Sharon Train Depot next to the steps leading upto State Route 27 roadway. A plaque was unveiled by his brothers. Family members from varied locations attended the dedication. Color guards were provided by the Sharon Veterans of Foreign Wars, Walpole Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ladies Auxiliary Walpole Veterans of Foreign Wars and Sharon Sons of the American Legion. The Sharon American Legion provided the firing detail. Representatives of the Sharon Fire and Police Departments stood in formation. Four active U.S.M.C. personnel attended the ceremony. Musical programs were given by the Sharon Community Chorus and the Canton American Legion Band. Approximately 300 residents were in attendance. The Board of Selectmen read their Proclamation for the Bridge Dedication. The pastor of the First Congregational Church, Reverend John Condon, offered the prayers for the dedication. The Master of Ceremonies for the program was Paul Bergeron, Veteran Agent Town of Sharon.

Water Management Advisory Committee

F. Clay, Chair, J. Bell, H. Gould, D. Mark, R. McGregor,
K. Olken R. Thibault,

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Selectmen regarding the quality and quantity of the Sharon public water supply, and measures to maintain these characteristics at the highest possible level. The issues include well performance, distribution, storage, control equipment, environmental protection, and conservation measures.

2002 activities and events:

- 1) Eight meetings. All meeting times are posted on the bulletin board in the Town Hall.
- 2) As a result of continued concern regarding the adequacy of system capacity to meet public safety requirements, the Committee

recommended that restrictions on outside summer water use remain in place with usage limited to 4 hours per day one day per week.

- 3) The Committee participated in the development of a town wide hydraulic model which will be used as the basis of a five year capital improvements plan.
- 4) The Committee reviewed the 5 year capital improvements plan prepared by the Superintendent of the DPW, Eric Hooper. Major activities included are water main additions and upgrades, a high pressure water district with additional water storage, and a search for a water supply to augment and act as a backup in case of a system component failure.

Department of Weights & Measures Charles F. Healy, Sealer

During the year 2002, every business establishment within the Town, using weighing or measuring devices for buying or selling of goods, were tested and inspected. The devices being used were inspected for accuracy, and adjusted, when necessary, to bring them within acceptable tolerances, and sealed.

In 2002 fuel oil trucks making deliveries in the Town, were checked for pumps being sealed and accuracy of the delivery slips.

All reports that are required by the Massachusetts General Laws were completed, and filed with the State Division of Standards.

Every request to inspect, seal or adjust new or used weighing or measuring equipment was responded to, and a report on the services rendered was filed.

All the testing equipment that is used to check the accuracy of weighing and measuring devices used by merchants within the Town have been calibrated and certified by the State Division of Standards as being accurate.

There were 123 weighing or measuring devices sealed during the year 2002 that were being used by merchants for the sale of goods, or commodities. Inspections of meters, scales and prepackaged goods, at fourteen (14) establishments, within the Town were made. All fees collected were turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Edward Hershfield, Chairman
Daniel Rosenfeld, Secretary
John Lee, Regular Member

Walter Newman, Richard Powell and Janis Edinburgh, Alternate Members
Gayle Cipitelli, Administrative Secretary to the Board

The Zoning Board of Appeals met 23 times during 2002. In the course of those meetings, 41 applicants came before the Board requesting either a special permit or a variance. Of the 41 cases heard, 37 were granted, 2 were withdrawn, 1 was denied and 1 is still under review. During 2002, an application pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40B also was submitted to the Board in connection with the "Rattlesnake Hill Property" located on Mountain Street. This is the application that is still under review. Also during the year 2002 we regretfully said good-bye to Davis Hamer a long-time member of the Board. His expertise and insight will be missed.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation to the other town boards and town employees for their support and assistance during the year. It is due to their help that the Board is able to render its decisions in an informed and expeditious fashion.

2002 TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS

ACCOUNTANT	JOAN M. LEIGHTON	2003
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	EILEEN M. GENERAZZO - ASST.	2003
3 YEAR		
ADMINISTRATOR	DONALD HILLEGASS	
DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM		
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	DIANE MALCOLMSON	2003
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
1 YEAR TERM		
APPEALS BOARD	EDWARD HERSHFELD - CHAIR	2004
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	JOHN LEE	2003
3 YEAR TERM - 3 MEMBERS	DANIEL ROSENFELD	2004
	JANIS EDINBURGH - ALTERNATE	2005
	WALTER NEWMAN - ALTERNATE	2003
	RICHARD A. POWELL - ALTERNATE	2004
ASSESSORS	ELLEN WOLFSON ABELSON - CHAIR	2004
ANNUAL ELECTION	PAULA KEEFE	2005
3 YEAR TERM	ROBERT MERRITT	2003
ASSISTANT ASSESSOR	MARK MAZUR	2003
BOARD OF ASSESSORS APPOINTED		
1 YEAR TERM		
BOARD OF HEALTH	ANDREW M. STEAD - CHAIR	2003
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	DR. ELIZABETH BARNETT	2004
3 YEAR TERM	ANNE BINGHAM	2005
	JONATHAN GOLDBERG	2005
	SUSAN OSGOOD PECK	2004
BURIAL AGENT	MARLENE B. CHUSED	
BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTED		
CABLE TV OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	CHARLES I. LEVINE - CHAIR	2005
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	ANDY FRANSMAN	2003
CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY	GREGORY MEISTER	2003
COMMITTEE	DAVE MASCIARELLI	2003
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
3 YEAR TERM		

CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
 1 MEMBER SELECTMEN
 TREASURER
 SELECTMEN APPT. CHMN
 SCHOOL COMM. APPT. 2
 PLANNING BD. APPT. 2
 FINANCE COMM. APPT. 2

BENJAMIN E. PURITZ (ex officio)
 WALTER B. ROACH, JR. ALLEN M. GARF
 ROBERT J. UYTTEBROEK (ex officio)
 BARRY GORDON - CHAIR
 JANE FURR ANDREW NEBENZAHL
 PAUL LINEHAN SAMUEL SOLOMON
 WILLIAM HEITIN PAUL PIETAL

CIVIL DEFENSE SELECTMEN APPOINTED

MICHAEL POLIMER - DIRECTOR
 MICHAEL CORMAN - DEPUTY DIRECTOR
 BARRY ZLOTIN - DEPUTY DIRECTOR

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY SELECTMEN APPOINTED 3 YEAR TERM

SIDNEY ROSENTHAL - CHAIR	2005
SHIRLEY BROWNSTEIN	2005
FLORENCE S. FINKEL	2005
RENEE GORDON	2003
LESLIE S. KRIGER	2003
CHICKIE MONAHAN	2004
ROBERT F. NICHOL	2004
DONNA RING	2005
ROBERT SONDHEIM	2003

CONSERVATION COMMISSION SELECTMEN APPOINTED 3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS IRENE NASUTI - SEC GREG MEISTER - OFFICER

MARGARET ARGUIMBAU - CHAIR	2005
MICHAEL L. COOK	2003
JANET DUNLAP	2005
STEPHAN GLICKEN	2005
PETER HOLDEN	2003
HANFORD G. LANGSTROTH	2004
KATHERINE ROTH	2005

CONSTABLES SELECTMEN APPOINTED 3 YEAR TERM

JOSEPH S. BERNSTEIN	2005
NEIL J. MCGRATH	2004
ROBERT MCGRATH	2005
LEONARD E. SEGAL	2005
DANIEL SIRKIN	2005

COUNCIL FOR THE AGING SELECTMEN APPOINTED 3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS

ARNOLD KUBLIN - CHAIR	2003
ELLEN BENDER	2003
ELLIOT FELDMAN	2004
REUBEN A. HERMAN	2003
HYMAN LAMB	2004
ROBERT B. MAIDMAN	2003
SHEILA PALLAY	2004
LILLIAN SAVAGE	2005
MARILYN J. STEWART	2003

COUNCIL FOR THE AGING DIRECTOR	NORMA FITZGERALD	
DEPUTY COLLECTOR APPOINTED BY COLLECTOR	PETER RYAN	2003
DESIGNER SELECTION REVIEW SELECTMEN APPOINTED	BENJAMIN PURITZ ELLIOT J. SHRANK JOHN SULIK	
DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION SELECTMEN APPOINTED MEETINGS - 4TH TUESDAY 5 YEAR TERM	LEONARD SEGAL	2003
FENCE VIEWER SELECTMEN APPOINTED	EDWARD WELCH	2003
FINANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS CAROL GARZA - SECRETARY	COLLEEN TUCK - CHAIR SANDRA ATLAS-GORDON PAUL BERGERON MARC BLUESTEIN DAVID FIXLER THOMAS GILLEN CHARLES M. GOODMAN DAVID GRASFIELD DAVID HEARNE WILLIAM A. HEITIN PAUL PIETAL DANIEL SIRKIN	2004 2004 2004 2003 2005 2003 2003 2005 2005 2004 2005 2003
FINANCE COMMITTEE NOMINATING	JANIS EDINBURGH EUGENE R. ELLIS II THOMAS GILLEN COREY SNOW MARGHERITE MURPHY SOLOMON	2003 2003 2003 2003 2003
FIRE CHIEF SELECTMEN APPOINTED	DENNIS MANN	

GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

3 YEAR TERMS

MODERATOR APPT 1 - 1 YR	GEORGE B. BAILEY
SCHOOL COMM APPT 1 - 2 YRS	MIKE SCHACHTER
PERSONNEL BRD APPT 1 - 3 YRS	DAVID HEARNE
SELECTMEN APPT 2 - 3 YRS	ANNE CARNEY - CHAIR, PATRICIA ZLOTIN
FINANCE COMM APPT 2 - 2 YRS	COLLEEN TUCK DAVID FIXLER
PLANNING BOARD APPT 1	LEONARD SEGAL

HEALTH AGENTS

BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTED

ADMINISTRATOR	LINDA ROSEN
FOR ENGINEERING	JAMES ANDREWS
FOR SANITARY INSPECTIONS/ ENFORCEMENT	JACK LAPUCK, R.S., D.Sc.
ASSISTANT FOR SANITARY INSPECTIONS/ ENFORCEMENT	SHEILA MILLER, RNC

HISTORICAL COMMISSION & HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION SELECTMEN APPOINTED

SHIRLEY SCHOFIELD - CHAIR	2003
HERBERT GAGNON	2003
GORDON HUGHES	2003
REESE SCHROEDER	2005
ROBERT S. YOUNG	2005
DAVID A. MARTIN - ALTERNATE	2005

HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL ELECTION 5 YEAR TERM

ARNOLD M. KUBLIN	2006
JACK CONNORS - CHAIR	2003
IRENE SCOTT	2007
D. LURAY WALLACE	2005
EDWIN S. LITTLE - GOV. APPT.	2003

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE SELECTMEN APPOINTED

JANE DESBERG	2004
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INSPECTORS-

SELECTMEN APPOINTED

OF ANIMALS	EDWIN S. LITTLE
OF BUILDINGS	JOSEPH X. KENT
OF PLUMBING & GAS	EDWARD FORSBERG
OF WIRING	JAMES B. DELANEY

LAKE MANAGEMENT STUDY		
COMMITTEE - 5 YEAR TERM	DAVID DEITZ	
SELECTMEN - APPT 2	MICHAEL BAGLINO	
CONSERVATION CO - APPT 2	CLIFFORD TOWNER - CHAIR,	
	AMANDA SLOAN	
PLANNING BOARD - APPT 2	RICHARD KRAMER	WALTER NEWMAN
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	KIP ROBERSON	
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	MARCIA BRIDGEMEN	2003
ANNUAL ELECTION	SANDRA HIRSH GOVERMAN	2005
3 YEAR TERM	ROBERT A. LEVIN	2003
	ABIGAIL MARSTERS	2005
	PAT OLKEN	2004
	NANCY E. RAE	2004
LOCAL EMERGENCY	DENNIS MANN - CHAIR	
PLANNING COMMITTEE	PHYLLIS BERNSTEIN	
	JANE DESBERG	
	ALLEN GARF	
	JOHN GUIDO	
	DAVE MASCIARELLI	
	JOHN MCGRATH	
	GREG MEISTER	
	SHEILA MILLER	
	BILL PETIPAS	
	MIKE POLIMER	
	MEG VERRET	
	KEN WERTZ	
LONG-RANGE PLANNING	GEORGE BAILEY - CHAIR	
TASK FORCE	PHILIP KOPEL	
	PAT ZLOTIN	
MAPC REPRESENTATIVE	GEORGE BAILEY	2005
METROPOLITAN AREA		
PLANNING COUCL		
MEASURERS - 1 YEAR TERM		
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
OF LUMBER	JOSEPH PETROSKY	2003
OF WOOD & BARK	ROBERT MORSE	2003
MODERATOR	PAUL E. BOUTON	2005
ANNUAL ELECTION		
3 YEAR TERM		

NORFOLK COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD	EDWIN S. LITTLE	
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
PARKING OFFICER	ROBERT UYTTEBROEK	
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
PERSONNEL BOARD	MICHAEL H. GROVE - CHAIR	2004
MODERATOR APPOINTED	DENNIS S. FRIEDMAN	2003
3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS	DAVID J. GRASFIELD	2003
SEC/FRAN BARTH	LINDA R. LURIE	2003
	LEONARD D. SACON	2004
PLANNING BOARD	ARNOLD E. COHEN - CHAIR	2003
ANNUAL ELECTION	REGINA MANISCALCO	2006
MEETINGS/TUESDAYS 7:30	NADINE H. OSTROW	2007
SEC/BIRUTE ZIAUGRA	SAMUEL B. SOLOMON	2005
5 YEAR TERM	JOEL TRAN	2006
POLICE CHIEF	JOSEPH S. BERNSTEIN	
PRIORITIES COMMITTEE		
2 SELECTMEN	WALTER J. ROACH	ALLEN M. GARF
2 SCHOOL COMM MEMBERS	SAMSON LIAO	MITCH BLAUSTEIN
2 FINANCE COMM MEMBERS	COLLEEN TUCK	DAVID GRASFIELD
PUBLIC WORKS	ERIC HOOPER	
SUPERINTENDENT		
RECREATION COMMITTEE	MICHAEL GINSBERG - CHAIR	2004
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	MITCHELL BLAUSTEIN	2003
3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS	GARY BLUESTEIN	2004
MEETINGS-FIRST MONDAY	JAY BRONSTEIN	2003
	LARRY FINKELMAN	2004
	MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN	2003
	CORRINE HERSHMAN	2004
	STEPHEN LESCO	2003
	RICK SHANTZ	2003
	BENJAMIN PURITZ	
RECREATION DIRECTOR	DAVID I. CLIFTON	
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	JACK CONNORS - ASSISTANT	
RECYCLING ADVISORY COMM	GEORGE ARONSON	
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS	MARLENE B. CHUSED	2005
3 YEAR TERM	GEORGE BAILEY	2005
	ANNE M. CARNEY	2004
	RONALD ROGERS	2003
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	MITHCELL BLAUSTEIN - CHAIR	2003
ANNUAL ELECTION	JANE A. FURR	2003
	DONALD D. GILLIGAN	2005
	SAMSON S. LIAO	2005
	ANDREW NEBENZAHL	2004
	SUZANNE GERVAIS PEYTON	2004
SEALER OF WEIGHTS	CHARLIE HEALY	2003
& MEASURES - 1 YR TERM		
SELECTMEN - 3 YR TERM	ALLEN M. GARF - CHAIR	2003
ANNUAL ELECTION	WALTER B. ROACH	2005
MEETINGS/TUESDAYS 7:30	NORMAN KATZ	2004
SHARON CULTURAL COUNCIL	KENNETH BRODY - CHAIR	2004
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	GEORGETTE KAFKA	2003
2 YEAR TERM	ROBERT LEVIN	2004
	REISA MARLOWE	2003
	NATHAN SIMON	2004
SHARON HIGH SCHOOL	PAUL BERGERON	SAMSON S. LIAO
EXPANSION COMMITTEE	PHILLIP S. CHAPMAN	FRANK VANZLER
	PETER EVANS	EDWARD WELCH
	PAUL JAMES	LINDA LURIE
SIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE	CAROL ABRAM	2004
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	JOHN E. PRENDERGAST	2005
3 YR TERM	STEPHEN SHAMBAN	2003
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL	MINDY MARCIA KEMPNER	2004
VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL		
SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE		
ANNUAL ELECTION/4YR TERM		
STANDING BUILDING COMMITTEE	DAVID BELTON	2003
APPOINTED BY SELECTION	DEBORAH BENJAMIN	2005
TOWN STANDING BUILDING	FREDERICK CLAY	2005
COMMITTEE	WILLIAM CROTEAU	2003
	GORDON GLADSTONE	2004
	H. STEVEN KENNEDY	2003
	LINDA LURIE	2005
	BRIAN PARISER	2004
	TIMOTHY QUIRK	2005
	JOEL WOLK	2004

SURVEYOR OF LUMBER SELECTMEN APPOINTED	JOSEPH PETROSKY	
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	BENJAMIN E. PURITZ	
TOWN CLERK	MARLENE B. CHUSED	2005
ANNUAL ELECTION	BETH A. KOURAFAS - ASSISTANT	2005
3 YEAR TERM		
TOWN COUNSEL	RICHARD GELEMAN	2003
TOWNWIDE COMPREHENSIVE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE	MICHAEL A. BASKIN - CHAIR ANN V. BEACH PHILIP KOPEL SAUL NAMYET PATRICIA ZLOTIN	
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD	ALLISON C. SIMMONS	2003
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	ARTHUR STEIN	2003
3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS	NANCY RUBENSTEIN	2005
	PAUL VITALI	2004
TREASURER-COLLECTOR	ROBERT J. UYTTEBROEK	2003
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
ASSISTANT TREASURER	JUDITH K. DOO	2003
ASSISTANT COLLECTOR	ELIZABETH SIEMIATKASKA	2003
TREE WARDEN	KEVIN WEBER	
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
TRUSTEES SHARON FRIENDS SCHOOL FUND	ELEANOR M. HERBERGER CORRINE HERSHMAN MORTON KAUFMAN JOSEPH PETROSKY ROBERT UYTTEBROEK	
DORCHESTER & SURPLUS REVENUE FUND	ROBERT UYTTEBROEK	
EDMUND H. TALBOT FUND	ALBERT F. BLACKLER ELEANOR M. HERBERGER	
VETERANS AGENT, GRAVES OFFICER & BURIAL AGENT	PAUL BERGERON	2003
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		

VETERANS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
SELECTMEN APPOINTED

WATER MANAGEMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WILBER SCHOOL REUSE
COMMITTEE

PAUL BERGERON - DIRECTOR
ALBERT BLACKLER
REV. ROBERT BULLOCK
EDWARD J. ROACH

FREDERICK CLAY - CHAIR
JENNIFER BELL
HERB GOULD
DAVID MARK, P.E.
RORY MCGREGOR
ROGER THIBAUT

DAVID DEPREE
MELVIN LEVENTHAL
ROBERT POWERS - CHAIR
RICHARD RICE
SHIRLEY SCHOFIELD
EDWARD WELCH

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